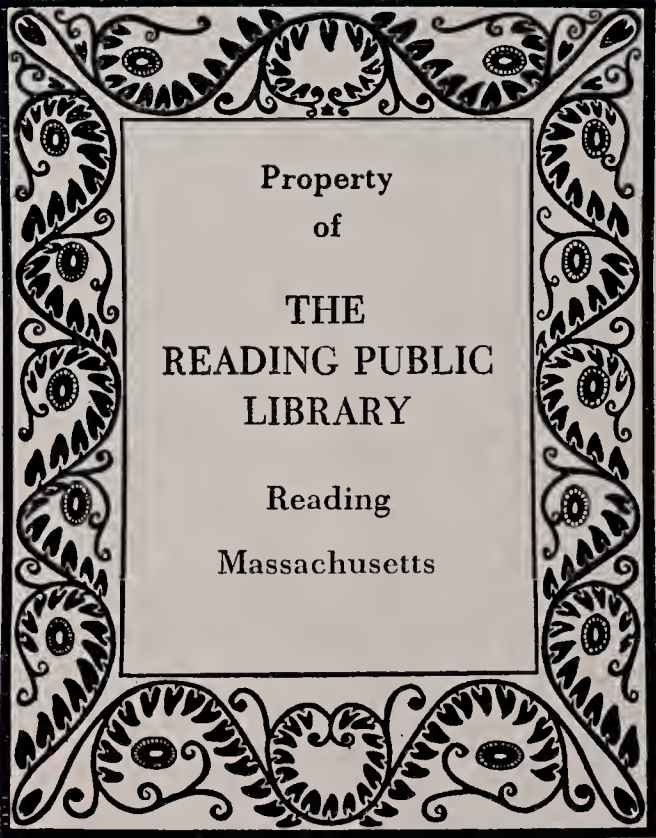




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## *Foreword*

Our Highway to the Future . . . that's what we consider our high school years . . . Before us lies a blind curve which hides what tomorrow will bring . . . and a sign marked "No U Turn" reminds us that there is no turning back . . . except through the pages of our PIONEER, which records the well-remembered road of the past . . . from the day that the first green light flashed us the signal to swing into line as Sophomores at R.H.S. and learn the rules of the road . . . until now, June 1951 . . . when we Seniors have reached the end of our "through way" together . . . At times the road was rough, and the grades were steep . . . warning lights flashed and barriers of books, exams, and marks rose ahead . . . but instruction and perseverance carried us through . . . Happily, many inviting byways opened off our highway . . . sports, dances, clubs, plays, musicals, assemblies afforded us fun and relaxation, and a chance to play together . . . Now, at the graduation milestone, our road branches off in many directions . . . some of us will take the route marked "Further Education" . . . some, "Business" . . . and many, that U.S. Highway marked "Armed Forces" . . . Whatever may lie around the bend . . . our journey on our Highway has prepared us to meet the future . . . if we continue to observe our rule for success . . . stay in line and keep to the right . . .

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### *Autumn*

Autumn . . . once more we swung onto our highway, ready and eager to begin our journey . . . Many of our sturdy boys anticipated their drive down the familiar sideroad to the gridiron . . . with all its colorful accompaniments . . . others of us, interested in dramatics, were eager to swerve onto the stage to present the Senior Play . . . All of us prepared to busy ourselves with our books . . . Our newest arrivals, the Class of '53 launched plans to stop at a roadside stand to brighten their spirits at the annual Sophomore Hop, to take place just before the last of the autumn leaves made way for Winter . . . ushered in by the Christmas season . . .







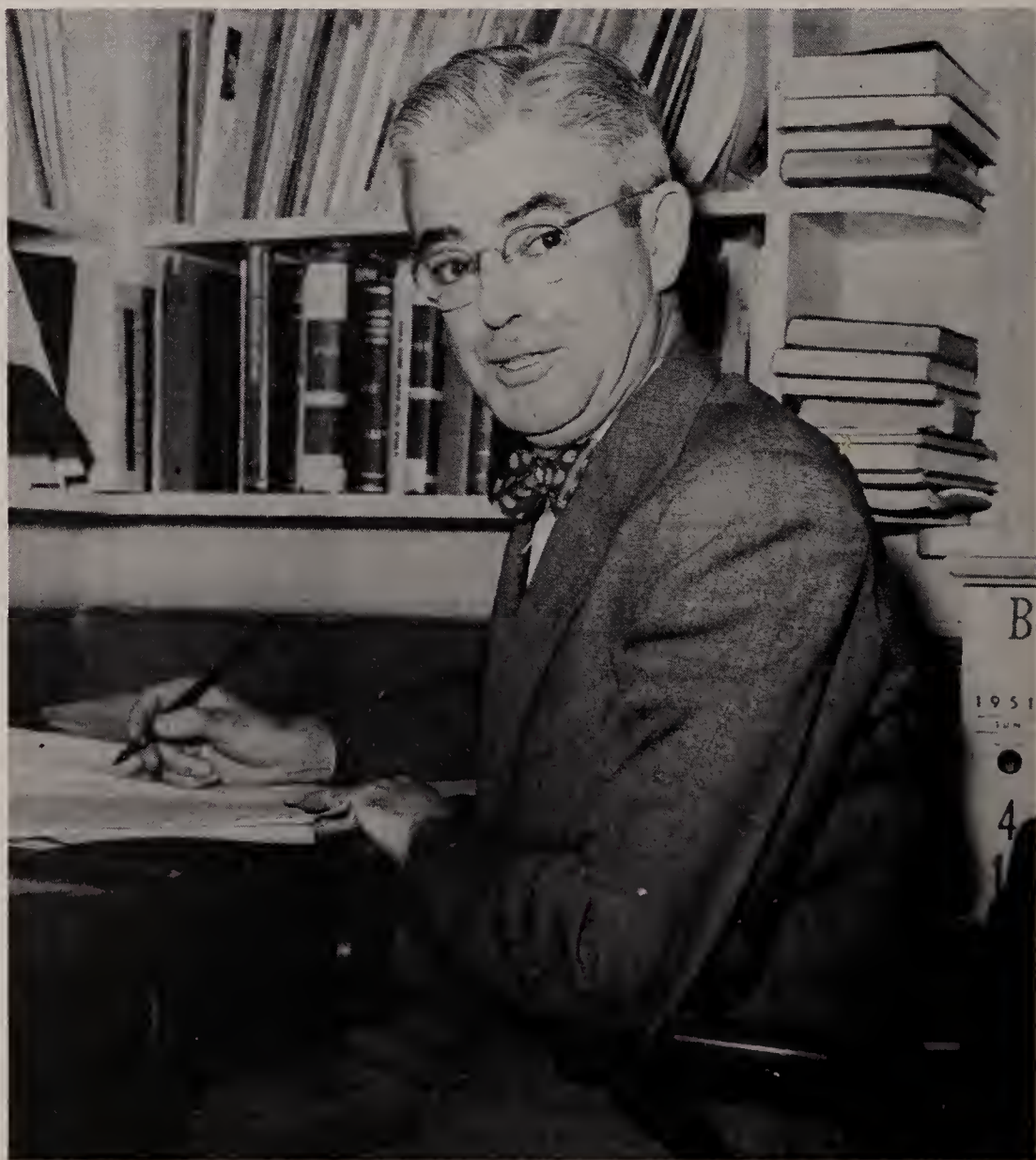


MR. RUDOLF SUSSMANN

The leader of our school, who guides his students with a firm and friendly hand. He takes great interest in each, working both with them and for them. His keen judgment and understanding have urged his graduating pupils to new and greater heights.

MR. LUKE HALPIN

Vice-Principal and school guidance director, who so generously gives his time and talents for the welfare of each student. Both in the classroom and in the office, we have benefited from his sincere friendship and counsel.





## *Faculty*

### *Mathematics*



LEFT

Mr. Fitzgerald  
Mr. Halpin  
Mr. Baker

RIGHT

Miss Batchelder  
Miss Shay  
Miss Cox  
Miss Archambault

### *English*



### *Commercial*



LEFT

Miss Kling  
Miss Drury  
Mrs. Franzen

RIGHT

Mr. Wogan  
Mr. Crowley  
Mr. Althoff  
Miss Nichols

### *Athletics*



### *History*



LEFT

Mr. Bronner  
Miss White  
Mr. Hanlon

RIGHT

Mr. Roewer  
Mrs. Wadsworth  
Mr. Spencer

### *Language*



### *Art — Music — Library*



LEFT

Miss Roy  
Mr. Oliver  
Miss Bishop

RIGHT

Mr. Adams  
Miss Zimmermann  
Mr. Pope

### *Science*







## Sophomore Boys

Carl Abell  
Warren Anderson  
Earl Augusta  
Louis Bacigalupo  
James Bassett  
Kilborn Bagley  
Robert Bayrd  
Donald Belair  
Robert Blandy  
Douglas Briggs  
John Brock  
Channing Brown  
Richard Brown  
Richard Burhoe  
Glenn Bushway  
Bruce Campbell  
Eugene Canuel  
William Carney  
Herbert Ceaser  
Keith Chanonhouse  
John Chase  
William Clark  
John Coakley  
Harold Cogger

Marc Colburn  
William Colby  
David Collins  
Edmund Collins  
Richard Collins  
Harold Comeau  
David Condon  
Leo Connors  
Roger Corke  
Richard Cross  
Robert Cryts  
Thomas Cutler  
Donald David  
Philip Denbow  
Herbert Dennison  
Edward Doucette  
Paul Doucette  
James Dunphy  
Chester Durning  
Warren Edwards  
Charles Emmons  
Robert Faulkner  
John Fleming  
Arthur Foley  
David Frye  
Herbert Gardner  
Richard Gibson  
James Goldsmith  
John Green  
William Green  
John Hailey  
David Ham  
Jack Hardy  
William Harvey  
Louis Hayward  
Arthur Hicks  
Neil Hoffer  
Karl Hovey  
Richard Howe  
James Johnson  
Richard Johnson  
Walter Johnson  
Paul Jones  
Allan King  
Paul Lafave  
Stephen Land  
Walter MacCaughey  
William MacKinnons  
Andrew MacLeod  
Donald MacLeod  
Edward Mahoney

David Martin  
Donald Martinage  
Louis Martinage  
John McPhee  
William Miller  
Allan Milley  
Henry Milton  
Roger Moores  
James Murdock  
David Murphy  
James Murphy  
Neil Murray  
Wendell Nelson  
Charles Nicholson  
Allan Nickerson  
George Olson  
William Oram  
Arthur Orben  
Donald Owen  
Kimber Pigon  
Harold Pike  
Arnold Poehler  
Robert Powell  
Clifford Read  
David Richards  
Charles M. Richardson  
Norman Richardson  
Franklin Rodgers  
Robert Rodgers  
Wayne Rollins  
Allan Ruderman  
Albert Runge  
Joseph Rushton  
Richard Schofield  
David Schurman  
Richard Secord  
Ralph Sellars  
William Smith  
Donald Surdam  
Philip Surette  
Laurence Taylor  
Willard Tucker  
John Venuti  
Barry Warford  
Robert Warren  
Frederick Weise  
Eric Wells  
Roy White  
Richard Wright  
Donald Zanni







Joan Allen  
Doris Anderson  
Florence Bates  
Virginia Bigham  
Joyce Butler  
Nancy Carlson  
Joan Carr  
Norma Castine  
Nancy Chamberlain  
Bette Ann Clark  
Joan Cooke  
Fane Cowan  
Barbara Crouse  
Nancy Cutcliffe  
Eleanor Doherty  
Elizabeth Doherty  
Elaine Doran  
Phyllis Doucette  
Shirley Doucette  
Virginia Doucette  
Jean Earley  
Janet Ferren  
Doris Ferullo  
Priscilla Flood  
Joyce Foster  
Elise Francis  
Elizabeth French  
Marilyn Frongillo  
Patricia Gallant  
Claire Gonzalo  
Phyllis Griffin  
Dorothy Hall  
Kathleen Halloran  
Ann High  
Marie Horrigan  
Priscilla Howe  
Alice Hoyt  
Lois Hulsman  
Nancy Ives  
Lorraine LeBlanc  
Ruth Lake  
Margaret Leonard  
Barbara Long  
Nancy Lord  
Peggy Loud

Ann Lovering  
Dolores Magno  
Eunice Marden  
Janice Marden  
Marilyn Marshall  
Joan Massey  
Lois McElwee  
Elaine McGrath  
Joan McMahon  
Sheila McNabola  
Virginia Merrill  
Judith Miller  
Elaine Monegan  
Beverly Ann Murphy  
Jean O'Donnell  
Claudia Palmunen  
Patience Peale  
Joyce Perkins  
June Peterson  
Carol Powers  
Barbara Record  
Frances Rich  
Arlene Richards  
Myrna Richardson  
Corinne Rightmyer  
Jean Robbins  
Nancy Rodgers  
Dorothy Sarcone  
Harriet Smith  
Gail Spencer  
Ruth Stiles  
Helen Swenson  
Marjorie Taylor  
Gloria Thibault  
Nancy Towle  
Evelyn Urquhart  
Margaret Vasey  
Barbara Watson  
Cynthia Weir  
Lillis Wellington  
Pauline Wheeler  
Eleanor Williams  
Jacqueline Wood  
Elaine Woods

## *Sophomore Girls*







"Report to the study hall." Well, where is this strange place we are supposed to report to, anyway?

This was the first introduction to Reading High School that we received. The place seemed so strange to us (and still does, sometimes.) We knew none of the teachers here and didn't expect to be part of the atmosphere, ever. Here we were, the young ones just starting up the ladder again, with the goal held by those forbidding people called "Seniors." We were just the new Sophomore class, a little scared, worried, and sure that we would never find our way around.



Surprisingly enough, we did get used to the building. We soon found out that you were considered a "Member" when you had learned the location of each "leaky pipe" (and there are many) and knew when and where to avoid them. We found out that it is always cold in the rooms on Monday, because of the heating system, and that you can never get soap out of the dispensers by Friday.

Our main activity as a class this year was our Sophomore dance. In October we elected our officers; Barbara Long, President; Dick Burhoe, Vice-president; Ann High, Secretary; and Louis Martinage, Treasurer. "Barb" organized the committees for our Hop, which was in November and a lot of fun.

Many Sophomores have shown up well in our sports events, and we are especially enjoying the popularity of volley-ball here.

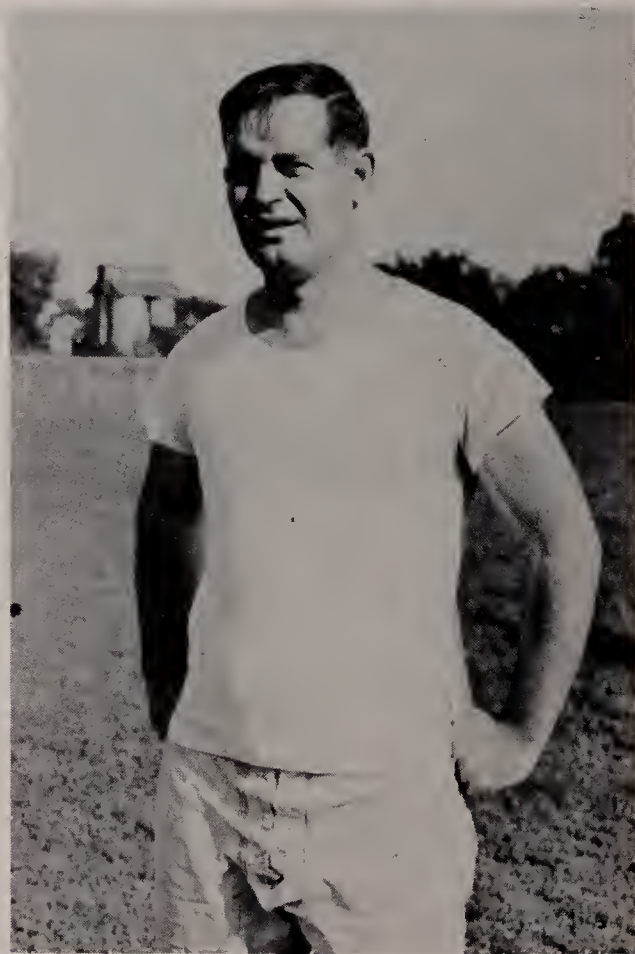
You know, we have gotten so we like this place, and we now know only too well where the study hall is.







A typical Saturday afternoon found the grandstands filled . . . excited crowds cheered the team, captained by Frank Hadley, on to victory . . . Each game provided tense moments . . . and plenty of action . . .







Important factors in the football scene . . . our head coach Joe Crowley, and his assistant coaches Al Bennett, Hal Moffie, and Ed Roewer . . . Mr. Oliver . . . on hand to relay plays to the bench . . . and Doctor Wakeling . . . always ready to fix the bruises . . . Between the halves, the band and baton squad added color and music to perfect afternoons . . .







Among our mementoes of the football season is Joe Stern's clever sketch.



Captain Frank Hadley receives his letter from Coach Crowley.

"Pokey" Roche gives his first speech as newly elected captain.





## Football



Front Row: Gadbois, Gibson, R. Surdam, Snow, Hanson, Rooney, Capt. Frank Hadley, Coit, Cook, Murphy, Runge, McNabola. Second Row: Hertel, Hamilton, Amirault, Anderson, DeMatteo, Bacigalupo, Chamberlain, Burhoe, Gardiner, Wells, Nutter, Lyons, Roache, Gelotti, Murray. Third Row: Clark, Hickman, J. Murdock, Hardy, Weise, Jones, Warren, Connors, Woodle, Monty, Dunphy.

The fall of 1950 found Coach Crowley's faithful warriors compiling the most successful record of Rocket teams in nearly ten years. Although first tabbed a callow team in some quarters, the boys finished the season with six straight victories.

A slow start found the team tying Danvers and losing to Wellesley and Punchard; between these defeats was sandwiched a victory over Swampscott. This victory was significant in that it was our initial triumph over this seaside foe since rivalries were commenced in 1947. From here on in, the football picture developed a different hue. Two highscoring games — (32-12 Woburn), (38-6 Johnson) — preceded this season's now memorable contest with Winchester.

To all concerned with the football picture of the high school, the Woburn game represents the turning point of the season. After succumbing to a 12-0 onslaught in the first half, Crowley's boys scored thirty-two points in the second half to defeat the orange and black easily.

The score in the Johnson game does not tell the story at all. With his regulars playing only half the game, Coach Crowley used the greater part of the contest to experiment with his inexperienced substitutes. The day of the contest was bright and sunny and the Rockets followed the pattern of the weather to a "T." Using a baffling split-T formation, Reading stalled Winchester to a 0-0 tie at half time. They then pushed over thirteen big points in the second half while holding Winchester to a second goose-egg. It is noteworthy that Reading was the only team to defeat Winchester and to hold them scoreless all year.

The following Saturday brought a complete reversal of form in both the weather and the quality of play. In spite of the heavy mud and rain, Reading's vaunted passing attack fashioned a hard fought 6-0 victory. The following game, with Lexington, found Reading continuing on the victory path. Despite a Lexington rally and a consequent 6-0 half-time lead, the power of the home team paved the way to a 26-6 victory.

The season ended in a blaze of glory for the Reading Rockets, with a smashing victory over Stoneham on Thanksgiving Day. Piling up a 32-0 lead at the half, the hometown forces bulled their way to an impressive 46-26 win.

As high-school football becomes a memory, we seniors cannot give enough plaudits to Coaches Crowley and Roewer, and their young assistant, Hal Moffie of Harvard. We feel that their combined efforts were the main factor contributing to our successful season.





## *Cheerleaders*

Left to right: Leslie Williams, Joyce Frazier, Joyce Skinner, Elaine Ruggles, Tiete Morris, Eleanor Coneeney, Cynthia Nelson, Dorothy Tonseth.

"Ready? You got it? Well, let's go!"

## *Baton Squad*



Left to right: Ruth Moodie, Beverly Ross, Judith Russell, Eleanor Turner, Lissa Marshall, Ruth Towle, Irene Lander, Joann Crosby, Julia Glynn, Ellen Surette, Joanne Rigione, Gale Parker.

Our Baton Squad brightened the field between halves.



## *Color Guard*



Left to right: Roger Moores, Victor Cail, Scott Althoff, David Schurman.

The Color Guard stood proudly at the head of the Band.



## *Band*

First Row: I. Lander, R. Doucette, A. Keene, D. Lyons, K. Miller, E. Cook, H. McQuesten, E. Walkup, R. Towle. Second Row: D. Burhoe, J. Dunn, R. Michelini, P. Hodges, D. Michelini, F. Russell, J. Mercer. Third Row: R. Madden, R. Turner, K. Woodside, O. Moberger, L. Young. Fourth Row: M. Griffith, P. Pratt, D. Moodie, D. Reynolds, E. Chisholm, D. Belair.

A familiar sight on Saturday afternoons was the Band marching to and from games.





## *Ticket Sellers*

First Row: Teresa Peters, Helen Chapman, Marilyn Marshall. Second Row: Janet Forbes, Jane Garden, Sheila MacNabola, Lillian Shields, Mabel Moodie.

"Get your tickets here!" . . . The familiar cry of our ticket sellers at gridiron clashes.

## *Program Girls*



First Row: Ellen Russo, Doris Shulkey, Annette Doucette, Ellen Hill. Second Row: Jeanne Donnelly, Lee Burns, Karlene Reichardt, Ruby Smith, Sue Griffith, Ellen Sillars.

Busy at every game were our genial program girls.



## *"Best Foot Forward"*



First Row: J. Butler, G. Mich, C. Nelson, J. Crosby, J. Baisley, D. Tonseth, A. Reed. Second Row: R. Blanchard, J. O'Brien, J. Geenty, W. Hills, W. Dunphy, A. Curtis. Third Row: C. Jensen, R. Bogan, N. Nordberg, L. Blood.

Seventeen members of the Class of '51 detoured off the main road to put their best foot forward on November 17, 1950, and came up with the sparkling comedy, "Best Foot Forward," by John Cecil Holm. The production was under the competent direction of Mr. Arthur Spencer, with John Geenty acting as student director. Nils Nordberg, Richard Bogan, Charles Jensen, and Richard Blanchard were cast in the roles of "Dutch Miller," "Hunk Hoyt," "Satchel Moyer," and "Chuck Greene," typical Winsocki Prep School boys; Lawrence Blood played "Dr. Reeber," dignified head of the school; and Robert Thibault was the old grad. Janet Baisley, Joann Crosby, Dorothy Tonseth, and Cynthia Nelson portrayed "Minerva," "Ethel," "Miss Delaware Water Gap," and "Miss Blind Date," girls invited to the grand Winsocki Prom. John O'Brien played "Bud Hooper," a student who invited two girls; "Helen Schlessinger," played by Judith Butler, and "Gale Joy," a glamorous movie star, played by Gail Mich. William Dunphy was "Professor Lloyd," and Ann Reed was "Miss Smith." Willard Hills played "Jack Haggerty," the star's press agent; and Arthur Curtis was "Chester Billings," a small-town newspaper photographer.

Mr. Spencer, the cast, and the committees all worked diligently for five weeks in order to turn in a top-notch performance for one of the greatest school events of the year. We, the cast, rehearsed and re-rehearsed the play for what seemed a million times, but we enjoyed planning and practicing for the gala evening ahead. As the date drew closer, feelings of the cast were varied. Some thought, "I can hardly wait!" Others muttered, "Who got me into this?" Most of us were looking forward to opening night with mixed feelings of eagerness and curiosity, with a generous sprinkling of nervousness, and in some cases, downright fear. Dress-rehearsal day found us all wondering where the weeks had gone. Despite a few lapses of memory and one unforgettable prop failure, all went well. During one act a closet door at the rear of the stage decided to fall into the middle of the room, leaving ropes and boards exposed behind the scenery. From that moment on, every actor who went out the window and down the imaginary fire escape was unexpectedly revealed gliding surreptitiously through the door-less closet much to the amusement of our youthful audience. Such are dress rehearsals!

At last the night arrived. Just before the play began, everyone walked about in a daze. Then, before we knew it, we had been on stage and off — and the play was over. Our unforgettable evening had been a huge success. "Best Foot Forward" will remain among our cherished memories for a long time to come.





#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Left to right: L. Fienemann, P. Snow, J. Lazenby, M. Roscoe, A. Kroeck.

## "BEST FOOT"

There is more to a play than meets the eye . . . the choosing of the play by the reading committee started a seemingly endless trail to opening night . . . our Property Committee spent much time collecting various articles for stage and players . . . outfitting the cast was the problem of the Costume Committee . . . very important to the



#### READING COMMITTEE

Left to right: N. Nordberg, J. Crosby, A. Reed, J. Butler, L. Munn, E. Sillars.



#### COSTUME COMMITTEE

Seated: R. Towle, D. Brown, P. Nickerson. Standing: J. Lehmann, J. Holdman, L. Bryant, C. Armstrong.

#### PROGRAM GIRLS

Left to right: J. Donnelly, G. Brown, P. Connelly, E. Sillars, J. Jones.





# FORWARD"

success of the play was the stage crew, unseen but not unsung . . . When the time for announcements and posters arrived, the handiwork was accomplished by the Publicity Committee . . . The long awaited evening brought gaily dressed candy girls, vivacious program distributors, and the well-rehearsed cast before the audience for their big public performance, the Senior Play . . .



PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Seated: J. Skinner, M. Berry, B. Webb, N. Dalton. Standing: L. Williams, J. Symonds, P. Carey.



STAGE CREW

Left to right: N. Bates, A. Springford, R. Bell, E. Haley.



Gail and John in action.



CANDY GIRLS

Seated: L. Munn, L. Peterson, F. Anderson, B. Robinson. Standing: I. Lander, E. Marshall, E. Ruggles, S. Harding.





## *CHEERLEADERS'*

## *DANCE*







We had plenty of spirit left after the football season . . . twosomes and foursomes crowded the transformed study hall . . . event? . . . the Cheerleaders' annual record hop . . . Many celebrities were present . . . including the star end of the Rocket eleven, Bob Surdam, with date Elaine Ruggles . . . who paused to admire the sparkling tree . . . The red and black streamers, the silver tipped megaphones revived the fading memories of cheering on the gridiron . . . When partners weren't dancing their evening away . . . they could be found at the refreshment stand . . . chatting happily about the following vacation . . . When the magic hour arrived . . . all had had their share of festivities . . . and departed in sheer contentment . . .







## *Winter*

The sparkling lights and silver tinsel of the Christmas tree marked the beginning of vacation . . . to be followed by the first snowfall . . . Equipped with skidchains we were ready for our winter's travel along an icy highway . . . the biggest storm to confront us was our mid-year exams . . . however, no serious accidents were reported . . . Once again our athletic drivers, boys and girls, traversed a well-worn side road, basketball . . . others drove down the lanes to Chorus, Camera Club, and Press Club, among others . . . Toward the end of the season the Class of '52 stopped to take part in the festivities of the Junior Prom, highlight of their year . . . By the time the snow had begun to disappear . . . everyone was looking forward to Spring . . . a season of good driving . . . and a host of new activities . . .







# *Junior Boys*



Dixon Allen  
 Scott Althoff  
 Paul Amirault  
 Donald Anderson  
 Richard Anderson  
 John Arsenault  
 Allen Barrett  
 David Bowman  
 Ernest Boyd  
 Carl Brown  
 Donald Bryant  
 Randall Bullock  
 Gordon Bunker  
 James Bunker  
 Gerald Butler  
 Victor Cail  
 Donald Carleton  
 Donald Colby  
 Norman Comeau  
 John Condon  
 Jackson Corindia  
 Bruce Courtemanche  
 Harold Creamer  
 Charles Crosby  
 Melvin Crouse  
 Peter Cunningham  
 Ronald DeMatteo  
 Richard Dempster  
 Clinton Dewhurst  
 Robert Dodge  
 David Dolben  
 Robert Downs  
 Frank Driscoll  
 Chris. Gallagher  
 Robert Galley  
 Robert Gardiner  
 Robert Gardner  
 Richard Gelotti  
 Robert Gifford  
 Martin Griffith  
 Paul Hanson  
 Robert Henderson  
 Kenneth Hickman  
 Charles Hamilton  
 Alfred Hoyt  
 Lawrence Hubbard  
 Charles Hughes

Robert Kennedy  
 William Killam  
 Gerald Lane  
 Charles Laughton  
 Thomas Lyons  
 Warren MacDonald  
 Raymond MacKenna  
 Bruce MacLeod  
 David MacPherson  
 Richard Madden  
 Ivar Martin  
 Martin McCormack  
 John McNabola  
 Tom McNabola  
 Donald Micheline  
 Ronald Micheline  
 Kimball Miller  
 Richard Monty  
 Roger Moores  
 George Murdock  
 Robert Murphy  
 George O'Brien  
 Peter Parsonson  
 John Peach  
 Roger Pelletier  
 Joseph Penno  
 John Pettipas  
 David Reynolds  
 Robert Roche  
 Everett Roscoe  
 William Sampson  
 Loring Sands  
 William Schumaker  
 Donald Scott  
 Kenneth Spicer  
 James Stanton  
 Ralph Sweetland  
 David Turner  
 Edwin Walkup  
 Walter Wells  
 Robert Whelton  
 James White  
 Robert Williams  
 George Woodle  
 Stanley Zagorski  
 Joseph Zanni







Betty Abbott  
Barbara Banfield  
Janet Barry  
Marcia Batchelder  
Beverly Bearse  
Judith Blake  
Laurene Boyd  
Nancie Buck  
Carol Burns  
Lee Burns  
Dorothy Campbell  
Edith Carter  
Jean Cassely  
Dorothy Caulk  
Helen Ceder  
Helen Chapman  
Eleanor Coneeney  
Beverly Cornwall  
Dulena Crowe  
Doris Cutcliffe  
Barbara Deferrari  
Carolyn Donley  
Nancy Doucette  
Isabell Ferry  
Margaret Fino  
Shirley Fleming  
Janet Forbes  
Joyce Frazier  
Barbara French  
Mary Gaffney  
Betty Ann Galvin  
Jane Garden  
Nancy Gifford  
Elisabeth Gillespie  
Betty Guiliano  
Julia Glynn  
Susanne Griffith  
Ruth Hall  
June Talbot  
Ellen Hill  
Martha Hoag  
Mary Lou Hobby  
Carole Jarvis  
Audrey Killam

Marjorie Lake  
Ruth Lewis  
Sally Lothrop  
Sylvia MacMillan  
June Marschat  
Fay McCauley  
Patricia McMahon  
Carol McSheehy  
Joan McSheehy  
Edna Milley  
Ruth Moodie  
Eileen McGrath  
Catherine Moulton  
Marion Nugent  
Jean O'Dowd  
Marion O'Malley  
Gale Parker  
Theresa Peters  
Judith Priebe  
Karlene Reichardt  
Bette Richardson  
Joanne Rigione  
Beverly Ross  
Judy Russell  
Ellen Russo  
Myrtle Ryan  
Kaye Sanborn  
Elizabeth Selfridge  
Lillian Shields  
Doris Shulkey  
Marie Skinner  
Madelyn Steele  
Dorothy Strassell  
Shirley Sullivan  
Ellen Surette  
Nancy Symonds  
Beverly Thompson  
Barbara Tilley  
Eleanor Turner  
Joan Turner  
Irene Van Laethem  
Eleanor F. Williams  
Johanna Worcester  
Claire Burnes

## *Junior Girls*







We, the Class of 1952, returned to school on September 6, 1950, eager to make our Junior year one long remembered at Reading High School.

Things were soon in full swing, and we were faced once more with the task of electing class officers from the group of competent nominees. The final votes were tabulated, and the results showed that Richard Gelotti was our new President; John McNabola, our Vice-President; Eleanor Coney, our Secretary; and Ellen Hill our Treasurer.

Football started off with a bang, and we eagerly looked forward to a great season. Many of our classmates were on the first team, and we proudly watched them battle their way through the opponents' lines. The season was climaxed by the Rockets' sensational defeat of unbeaten Winchester. The student body went wild, and the game was the topic of conversation for weeks following. The season was concluded by the annual Football Banquet, when we learned that "Pokey" Roche had been elected captain for the ensuing year.





Basketball next came on the scene, as our eyes turned in the direction of our school athletes. Girls and boys alike shared the spotlight, as each had a team. The only thing that marred the basketball season was the fact that mid-year examinations were once again creeping up on us. We hastily began to brush up on our weak points, and regretted those nights that we spent watching television instead of studying. When report cards came out, we were relieved to see that television had not disastrously interfered with our scholastic aims.

On Friday evening, March 30, a large crowd turned out to make the Junior Prom, the social event of the year, successful. Everyone admired the clever decorations on which the committee had lovingly worked. Another hit of the evening was the pink ginger-ale prepared by the refreshment committee.

It seemed as if the Prom were scarcely out of the way when we were again hustling around, this time preparing for the Junior-Senior Reception. Our efforts were rewarded with the knowledge that it, too, was successful.

Even final examinations seemed unimportant compared to the excitement and confusion created by the graduating class, and we were saddened by the thought that next year some of our friends would no longer be familiar sights in the corridors. We brightened considerably, however, when we realized that next year we would not be underclassmen.

Our Junior year almost over, we wondered what events our Senior year held in store for us, and hoped that it would prove as profitable and interesting as its predecessor.







Eleanor and Dick arrive.



Getting ready for an evening of fun.



A good time was had by all.



Mr. Sussmann heads the reception line.



Nancy and "Jigga" sit one out.





Refreshment time.



Maureen and John



A large crowd enjoyed the dancing.



Gale and Jimmy.



The chaperones enjoyed themselves too.



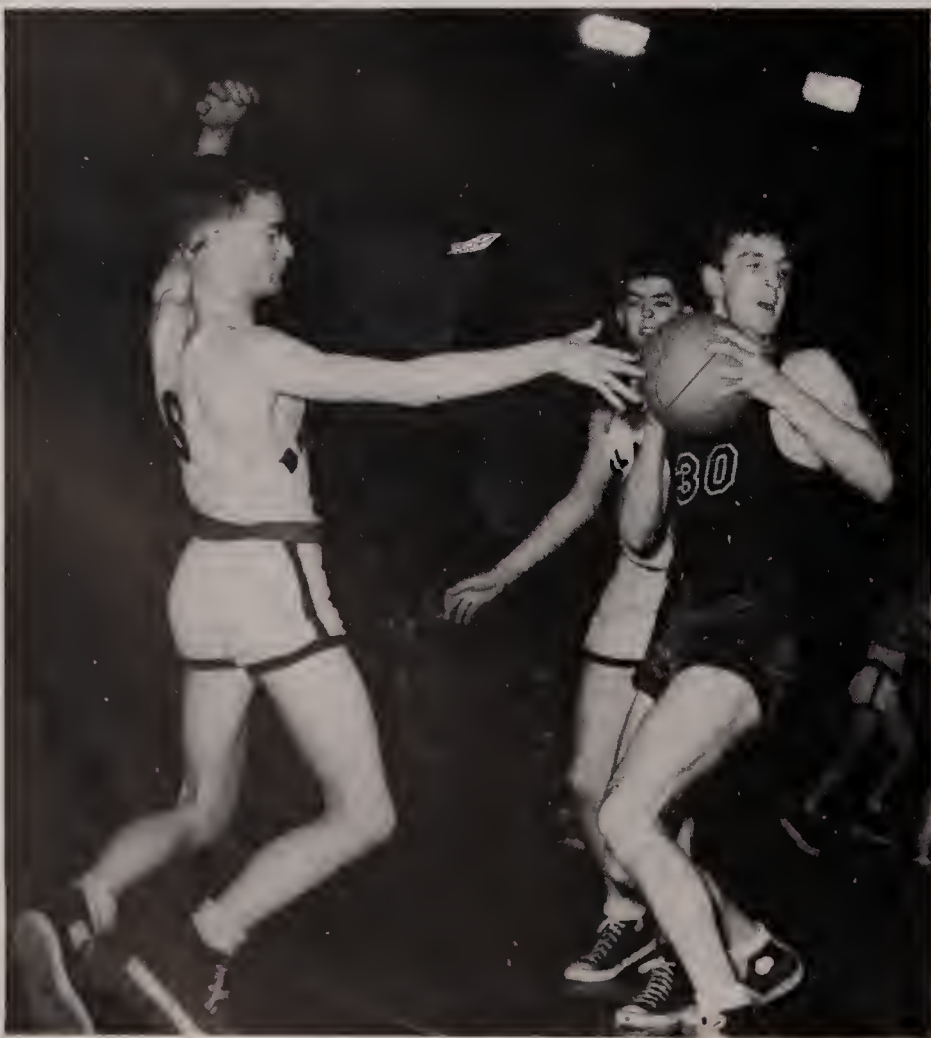


The referee ruled this a foul.



Surrounded by opposing players, "Pokey" jumps.

Captain Surdam fights for the ball.



A hair-raising incident.







The toss-up—the game's begun.



"Soy" and Tom watch tensely during a critical game.

Anxiety reigns—basket or not?



The grace and pitfalls of sport.





## Basketball



First Row: J. Lyons, A. Runge, E. Bennett, Captain R. Surdam, D. McQueen, S. Appleton, R. Roche. Second Row: Coach Althoff, H. Milton, W. Wells, S. Althoff, R. Burhoe, R. Powell, A. Barrett, Manager R. Carleton. Third Row: J. McNabola, J. Hardy, D. Surdam, H. Hovey, D. Carleton, D. Richards, B. Campbell.

The 1951 basketball season came to a happy ending even though our record was not outstanding. This year's squad had a record identical to that of their predecessors, who won five while dropping nine decisions. The J.V.'s had a much more successful season than the varsity and should supply some valuable materials to the squad of '52. The return of at least three regulars from this year's quintet makes the future outlook much brighter.

The Rockets played two pre-season games—downing Johnson and succumbing to Watertown. The locals romped to a fifty-point victory over Johnson in the season's opener. Captain Bobbie Surdam started on his high-scoring ways by tossing in twenty-six points. Bobbie Gibson and Tommy Lyons each collected fifteen points from their forward positions, while Jack Hardy and "Happy" Bennett excelled in the back-court. The Watertown game saw our boys do a complete about-face, going down to defeat by ten points.

The league season opened at Winchester on December 27, 1950, and the sooner this game is forgotten the better. From a Reading standpoint it was a sad affair, as the Indians completely avenged the now famous football battle. Albie Runge entered the game in its late stages and proceeded to clinch himself a starting post at right guard by his spark-plug play.

Wakefield followed, downing the Rockets by a close margin, but the Lakers were soundly walloped in the return match. Concord and Melrose were played after the first Wakefield debacle, and the locals really perked up, taking both games handily.

With a two-and-two record and the Lexington game on hand the boys were extremely keyed up. Finishing the first half with a ten-point lead and showing the best brand of ball seen around here in a long while, the Rockets were really cocky. Alas! Lexington won by a wide margin and inexperience had claimed another victim.

Losses to Belmont, Stoneham, and Winchester floored Reading's morale, but the boys showed their spirit in rebounding against Concord to the tune of an 83-46 triumph.

Melrose, Lexington, and Belmont proceeded to edge the Rockets in extremely close, exciting games. Reading no longer was sluggish and might have been the victor if these games had been played at home. The season ended on a happy note with a decisive victory over Stoneham on our home court.



## Basketball



First Row: D. Caulk, E. Turner, J. Turner, K. Reichardt, Captain D. Strassell, J. Crosby, L. Marshall, L. Shields, J. Lehman. Second Row: I. Van Laetham, N. Gifford, C. Palmunen, B. Murphy, E. Doran, D. Hall, C. Donnelly, A. Killam. Third Row: E. Calvin, J. Miller, P. Loud, E. Marden, N. Chamberlain, J. Marschat, T. Peters.

With the beginning of the 1951 basketball season, over fifty girls became hopeful candidates for the Varsity and J.V. teams. Practice began with emphasis on timing, pivoting, and accuracy. Shortly before our first game, captains were elected and the varsity and junior varsity teams were chosen. Dorothy Brown and Cynthia Nelson captained the first team through its very successful season, and Dorothy Strassell and Joann Crosby led the seconds to their memorable finale.

At the end of several weeks of intensive practice, we traveled to Lexington, where we played our season's opener against two very fast Lexington teams who swept both games 46-34 and 35-17. Undoubtedly that shaky beginner provided the incentive we needed, for we trounced Wilmington 60-12 on our home court. The J.V.'s followed suit and won 21-10.

The following week Reading played hostess to a mighty Malden six, who, after a close, hard-fought contest, came out on the short end of a 39-37 score. The second team ran up against stiff competition, but was able to tie the score at 15-15 in the last seconds of play. Melrose, always tough opposition, was our guest for the last home game of the season. Again Reading displayed her ability to overcome a deficit and eked out a 39-32 victory. Our J.V.'s ran into trouble, however, and were badly beaten, 25-4.

We traveled again, this time to Swampscott, where we played the hardest game of the year. Our faithful six came very close to breaking Swampscott's two-year record of no defeats, but inability to cash in on foul shots resulted in the final score of 38-33. The seconds were baffled by Swampscott's plays and were swept away by a score of 36-3. Our final game with Woburn gave the Varsity its fourth win against two losses. The second team did not witness such a pleasing outcome, however, and lost a heartbreaker 25-24. The Varsity's last game of the year, won 32-27, climaxed a wonderful year for the entire squad.

Cynthia Nelson was high scorer for the Varsity, tossing in 108 points; close behind Cynthia was Eleanor Foley, who amassed 98 points. Scoring honors among the J.V.'s went to Karlene Reichardt, who finished the season with 34 points. Thanks go to our manager and timekeeper, Irene Van Laethem. To our beloved coach, Miss Nichols, we extend our deepest appreciation for her patience and understanding during the season.





*First Team*

Left to right: Beverly Johnson, Eloise Flater, Cynthia Nelson, Eleanor Foley, Dorothy Brown, and Jean Symonds.



Soaring High



Determination



Concentration



Good Luck

Two Points



Finger-tip Control





## *Chorus*

First Row: V. Doucette, D. Ferullo, K. Chanonhouse, R. Blanchard, R. Bayrd, R. Galley, P. Fino, E. Doran, N. Cutcliffe.  
 Second Row: J. Massey, J. Foster, P. Collins, F. Dennis, G. Gaw, R. Cross, D. Martin, P. Nickerson, L. McElwee, E. Flater, D. Tonseth. Third Row: M. Cunningham, J. Miller, L. LeBlanc, J. Chase, N. Nordberg, W. Hertel, B. Deferrari, A. Richards, L. Bryant.

The Chorus brightened our journey with song.

## *Chorus Corollary*



Left to Right: F. Dennis, G. Gaw, R. Blanchard, K. Chanonhouse. Pianist, D. Tonseth.

Who could forget "Cool Water" by "Red" and the "Water Boys" with Dotty accompanying them on the piano?

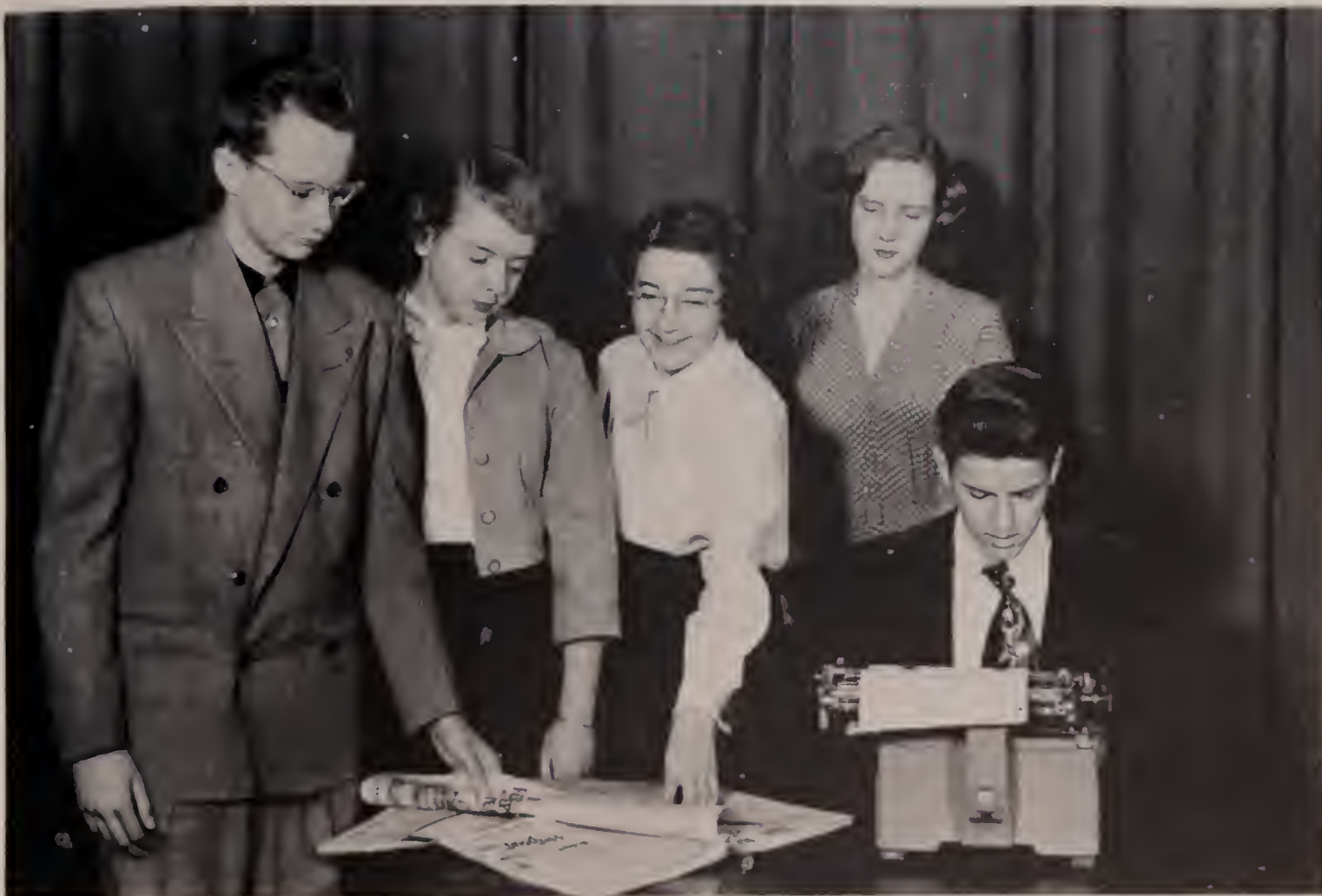


## *Camera Club*



Left to Right: A. Springford, S. Althoff, P. Johnson, R. Madden, N. Nordberg, T. McNabola.

The Camera Club recorded our prowess in pictures.



## *Press Club*

Left to Right: P. Parsonson, F. Cowan, P. Gallant, G. Mich, D. Turner.

More of our accomplishments were recorded through the work of the Press Club.





## *Traffic Squad*

Front: S. Althoff, R. Chamberlain, T. Clark, E. Haley, J. Geenty, L. Blood. Rear: P. MacInnis, R. Bogan, D. Dolben, D. Reynolds, R. Gelotti, J. Bunker.

The Traffic Squad . . . stalwart guardians of law and order on stairs and in corridors . . . flagging down unwary violators . . . flashing the red light at speedsters whose winter's pent-up energy would soon find an outlet in the out-of-doors . . .



## *Spring*

Spring . . . with the soft green of its leaves . . . giving the go-ahead sign to a whole new field of activities . . . Some of our athletes detoured to the baseball diamond and underwent a Spring overhaul which enabled them to travel the base paths successfully . . . the track team, spurning mechanized travel, ran down a less-traveled roadway . . . golf beckoned others . . . The Seniors, no prey to spring fever, put the finishing touches on their *Pioneer*, the record of their journey together along Highway '51 . . . and held final meetings to arrange for all the excitement and promise of graduation activities . . .











*"To guide us on our trip,  
we elected our officers."*

1948 - 1949

Seated: Marilyn Roscoe, Standing: John O'Brien, Payson Snow, Richard Carleton.

## *Class History*

Swinging onto the highway of our high-school years in September, 1948, we, the new Sophomores, were glad that we had at last reached this milestone in our lives, and yet we were fearful of the future. We had heard many tales of this new highway, and as a result we greeted our journey with mixed emotions.

To guide us on our trip, we elected Richard Carleton, President; Payson Snow, Vice-President; Marilyn Roscoe, Secretary; and John O'Brien, Treasurer.

The road was rather straight until we came to the first hazardous detour — Mid-year Exams. Most of us emerged successfully, proud of the fact that we had passed the first test of our abilities. After this hazard, the road was very smooth, but we knew that there would be other rough spots ahead. Because of this knowledge, we proceeded more cautiously.

Meanwhile, to refresh ourselves after our long journey, we paused to plan our first big high-school event — the Sophomore Hop. After the Hop, we continued blithely to the end of our ten-months' journey. Rounding the sharp Final Exams Curve, we saw before us the pleasant prospect of a two-months' vacation.

After that all-too-brief rest, we anticipated the fun and excitement of our Junior year. By this time we were seasoned travelers; and we knew that if we paid attention to the road and to the signs, and if we were careful drivers, we would have no trouble.



With little hesitation, we elected the following leaders: Cynthia Nelson, President; Robert Bell, Vice-President; Marilyn Roscoe, Secretary; and John O'Brien, Treasurer.

Every Saturday afternoon we cheered ourselves hoarse at the football games, because now our own classmates were stars. With a minimum of hardship and worry, we experienced once again the Mid-year Exams. This year, we planned the Junior Prom, and even though we knew we would undoubtedly go into the red with the Junior-Senior Reception, we were still sure of having a good time. As a climax to this wonderful year, Mr. Oliver staged a gala musical, *Spring Comes Laughing*. After attending all these delightful events, we continued our journey until we reached the steep hill of Final Exams. With comparative ease we surmounted this obstacle, thankful that we had another two-months' rest ahead of us.

In September, we knew that the last and, seemingly, the shortest lap of the journey loomed ahead. We turned off the highway for a short time to get our pictures taken, and to plan our yearbook, *THE PIONEER*. This year, too, we detoured every Saturday afternoon to cheer our team on to victory. All our hopes were realized when Reading defeated Winchester in the greatest upset of our season. At the same time, many of us were working very hard to stage our successful play, *Best Foot Forward*. After exams, we planned the entertainment for our final stopover — a Senior Prom, the Senior Banquet, and Graduation Day. When we thought of these events, we were all a little sad, as we realized that it would be the last time we would all be together.

We continued our itinerary, however, and finally we came to the last obstruction to our future success, Final Exams. Finishing these, we came to the end of the highway. There, there were many other roads turning off, whose ends were hidden in the future. We all know that our journeys down these different roads will be similar in many respects to this journey of our high-school years. We will meet and leave many wonderful friends, but we hope that we can travel this road as well and with as much fun as we travelled along the highway of our high-school years.

### 1949 - 1950

Seated: Cynthia Nelson.  
Standing: John O'Brien,  
Robert Bell, Marilyn  
Roscoe.







## *Senior Executive Board*

Seated: Leslie Williams, Robert Bell, Richard Carleton, John O'Brien, Marilyn Roscoe, Barbara Robinson. Standing: Cynthia Nelson, Ford Dennis, Jay Baisley, Richard Blanchard, Joann Crosby, Payson Snow, Judith Holdman.

This group organizes class meetings and plans senior class functions.



## *Senior Class Officers*

Ready to call the Seniors to order . . . Dick . . . supported by our financial wizard, John . . . and Marilyn, ready to record the minutes of the meeting . . .



## Pioneer Board



Seated: Leslie Williams, Cynthia Nelson, Lillian Munn, Patricia Collins, Marilyn Roscoe. Standing: Barbara Webb, Lawrence Blood, Leon Alward, Edward Haley.

Shortly after we had taken over the joys and responsibilities of being Seniors, we set about making our own record, in pictures and words, of our high-school days. All those interested in participating in the creation of the *Pioneer* held a meeting to elect the Pioneer Board. Chosen Literary Editor was Lillian Munn; Art Editors elected were Leon Alward and Barbara Webb. To Marilyn Roscoe went the post of Circulation Manager; and Lawrence Blood, that of Advertising Manager. Patricia Collins headed the typing staff. Elected to the positions of Assistant Literary Editors were Leslie Williams, Cynthia Nelson, and Edward Haley.

Once the personnel of the yearbook had been decided, we got to work in earnest. We agreed that our high-school days are our "Highway to the Future," and that idea became our theme. The Art Editors and their staff began to plan the lay-outs, pictures, and drawings, and followed through with many hours of hard work. Under the guidance of the Literary Editor and her assistants, a large staff "wrote-up" the individuals who comprise the Class of '51; and later, copy of all sorts, on sports, classes, and all school activities, found its way from the pen of its creator to the desk of the editor for finishing touches, captions, and cutlines.

The members of the Advertising Staff had the task of making the *Pioneer* a financial success. They solicited advertising from the business men in Reading and surrounding communities, and planned the page layouts which proclaimed their success as solicitors. To the typists fell the important task of typing all copy for its trip to the printer. Their speed and efficiency were commendable.

It was through the cooperation of all these groups and their advisers that the *Pioneer* of 1951, the rear-view mirror of our journey along the Highway to the Future, came into being.





## *Art Staff*

Seated: L. Marshall, M. Berry, D. Tonseth, B. Webb. Standing: N. Dalton, L. Williams, L. Alward, M. Doucette, M. McSheehy, C. Armstrong.

The job of selecting pictures and planning pages was left up to the Art Staff.

## *Business Staff*



First Row: B. Robinson, M. Roscoe, L. Blood, R. Turner, J. Lehman. Second Row: L. Marshall, A. Kroeck, N. Nordberg, G. Mich, E. Ruggles. Third Row: D. Tonseth, R. Towle, J. Skinner, J. Jones, N. Dalton.

Those on the Business Staff collected advertisements and supervised circulation.



## *Write-Up Staff*



First Row: J. Geenty, L. Williams, L. Munn, C. Nelson, E. Haley, N. Doucette. Second Row: F. Anderson, J. Butler, P. Collins, J. Crosby, J. Symonds, L. Bryant, C. Armstrong. Third Row: M. Berry, J. Baisley, T. O'Brien, J. Cook, E. Foley, B. Webb.

This large group prepared a write-up for each senior.

## *Typists*



Seated: E. Flater, E. Ruggles, P. Collins, P. Nickerson, D. Brown. Standing: A. Hoyt, R. Towle, N. Dalton.

Efficient members of the commercial course prepared the copy for the printer.



# *LIFE*



Joann recites in English IV.



Jim receives helpful advice at a guidance meeting.



Jim, Leon, and Dick prepare to have their pictures taken.



Home for lunch.



# WITH THE SENIORS



Sparks jump when Mr. Pope and company generate electricity.



*Ici on parle francais.*



Accuracy and speed, their goal.



Dick Horrigan starts spring training.





## *Golf Team*



Seated: Richard Carleton, Ralph Milley, Harold Cogger. Standing: Henry Milton, Robert Surdam, James Cook.

The Golf Team took time to tour the links.



## *Track Team*

First Row: R. Turner, A. Curtis, P. Johnson, P. MacInnis, T. Clark, G. Rooney. Second Row: Coach Crowley, R. Foley, P. Snow, R. Rich, P. Cain, J. MacNabola. Third Row: K. Spicer, R. Sweetland, F. Horton, R. Surette, F. Lehr.

With winged feet the Track Team was off to a fast start.





## *Baseball*

First Row: G. Woodle, J. Cryts, T. Lyons, E. Gadbois, E. Bennett, J. Arsenault, R. Horrigan, A. Runge, A. Milley, K. Hovey. Second Row: G. Bunker, E. Mahoney, D. Ham, N. Murray, F. Griffin, L. Blood, R. Wright, D. Frye, W. Rollins, Mr. Roewer. Third Row: R. Gardiner, P. Doucette, W. Sampson, C. Gallagher, Barry Warford, R. Bell, R. Bayrd, W. Edwards, R. Weymouth, R. Cryts.



Pre-season pep talk.



Captain Bennett scoops one out of the dirt.



Down the middle!





MARGARET HYNES  
JOHN CRYTS  
*Shyest*



# CLASS ELECTIONS



DOTTY BROWN  
"HAPPY" BENNETT  
*Best Natured  
Most Cheerful*



ARA VORSGANIAN  
*Class Musician*



ELAINE RUGGLES  
*Best Dancer  
Most Popular*



BOB SURDAM  
*Best Dancer  
Best Athlete*



JUDY BUTLER  
*Best Mannered*



DOTTIE TONSETH  
*Class Musician  
Class Flirt*

NANCY LITCHFIELD  
*Class Clown  
Teachers' Bane*



RED BLANCHARD  
*Noisiest  
Class Heckler*



LEON ALWARD  
*Most Ambitious  
Most Likely to Succeed  
Class Artist*



MARILYN ROSCOE  
*Most Likely to Succeed*



MARILYN BERRY  
*Most Sophisticated*



JIM LAZENBY  
*Teachers' Bane*



JOHN O'BRIEN  
GAIL MICH  
*Class Actor and Actress*



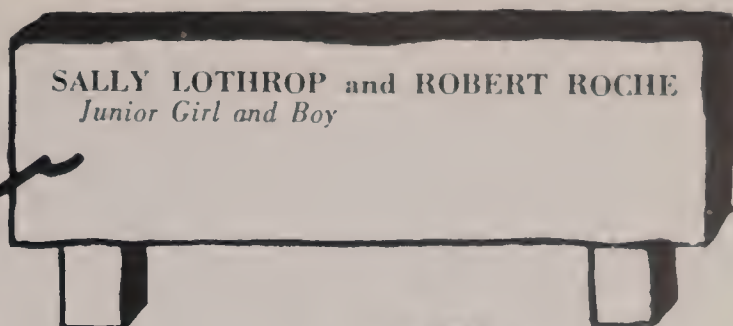




**CYN NELSON**  
*Best Athlete  
 Best Natured  
 Most Ambitious  
 Wittiest*



**BOB GIBSON**  
*Class Clown  
 Wittiest*



**SALLY LOTHROP and ROBERT ROCHE**  
*Junior Girl and Boy*



**TOM O'BRIEN  
 LESLIE WILLIAMS  
 RALPH MILLEY**  
*Cutest*

**BARBIE WEBB**  
*Class Artist*



**MARILYN McSHEEHY**  
*Noisiest*

**IRENE LANDER**  
*Class Heartbreaker  
 Class Fashion Plate*



**JOE MURPHY**  
*Class Heartbreaker  
 Class Flirt*



**LOIS PETERSON**  
*Noisiest  
 Class Heckler*



**DICK CARLETON**  
*Class Fashion Plate  
 Most Popular  
 Best Mannered  
 Ideal R.H.S. Student*



**JOYCE SKINNER**  
*Ideal R.H.S. Student*



**SALLY ANN HARDING  
 "HOPPY" MEIER**  
*Class Couple*



**LAWRENCE BLOOD**  
*Most Sophisticated*

*B. WEBB  
 L. WILLIAMS*



## *National Honor Society*



Seated: Leon Alward, Marilyn Roscoe, Edward Haley, Cynthia Nelson, Leslie Williams. Standing: Patricia Collins, John O'Brien, Eleanor Foley.

These people won a place in the National Honor Society.



## *Student Council*

First Row: E. Woods, J. Skinner, J. Crosby, M. Roscoe, Mr. Sussmann, C. Nelson, D. Brown, L. Williams, E. Surette. Second Row: E. Coneeney, J. O'Brien, R. Milley, R. Carleton, P. MacInnis, D. Whelton, T. Bunker, B. Long, N. Cutcliffe. Third Row: J. MacNabola, R. Gelotti, W. Schumaker, R. Surdam, R. Burhoe, E. Bennett, D. Dolben, N. Murray, R. Johnson.

Under the guidance of Mr. Spencer, the Student Council had a busy and successful year.





*Class President*

**RICHARD CARLETON**

*Dick . . . . from 5'2" to 5'10" in three short years . . . . Able President during our sophomore and senior years . . . . Seems to recall the study hall very vividly . . . . A competent golfer, Dick will be an asset to Bowdoin College . . . .*



*Vice-President*

**ROBERT BELL**

*Everybody remembers Bob for his wonderful personality and wit . . . . He especially enjoyed physics classes . . . . An active member of the Student Council . . . . Vice-President during our Junior and Senior years . . . . added his pep to the baseball team . . . .*



*Secretary*

**MARILYN A. ROSCOE**

*Our efficient Secretary for three years . . . . Marilyn whizzed through the College Course . . . . liked algebra best . . . . would like to be a secretary . . . . Member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Pioneer Staff . . . . She'll honor Colby Junior College . . . .*



*Treasurer*

**JOHN E. O'BRIEN**

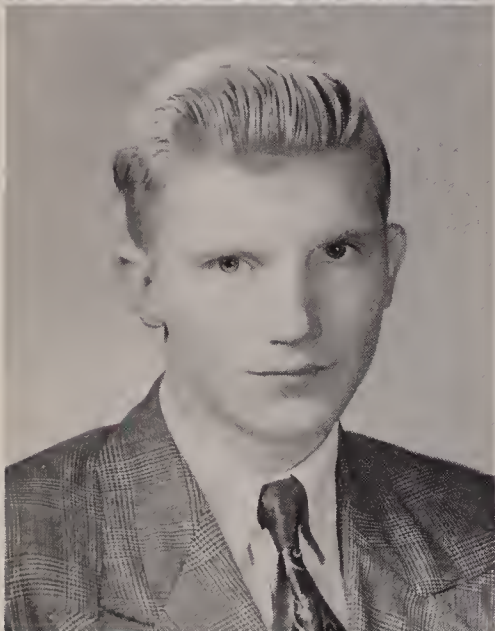
*Jack . . . . the Rockport fisherman . . . . worthy keeper of our funds for three years . . . . Answers the roll call at meetings of the Student Council and National Honor Society . . . . Jack hopes to attend M.I.T. to complete his scientific studies . . . .*





#### LEON ALWARD

*Leon* . . . the Michelangelo of our class . . . has been admired for his fine posters and drawings . . . an active member of the National Honor Society, Pioneer Literary and Art Staffs . . . Found Mr. Halpin's math classes memorable . . .



#### CONRAD ANDERSON

The walking baseball record book . . . that's *Conrad* . . . He hopes to be a co-owner of the Summer Avenue Greenhouses someday . . . If an agricultural school doesn't beckon Conrad, he'll go right to work . . . learning the greenhouse trade . . .



#### DOUGLAS ANDERSON

Good looks and a pleasant smile describe *Doug* . . . Football heads his list of favorite sports . . . in the classroom, it's Spanish . . . Dislikes being "hurried" . . . He plans next year to begin preparing for a doctor's career . . .



#### FRANCES ANDERSON

Winchester Hospital beckons cute, petite *Fran* . . . Active in Rainbow, Pioneer Staff, Junior Woman's Club . . . Served as secretary to Mr. Hanlon and Miss White . . . Fran reserves an intense dislike for people who don't keep their word . . .

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#### ROBERT ANDERSON

A round face, a broad grin . . . that's "*Andy*" . . . His main ambition is to travel the U. S. A. . . . Likes to recall seventh-period study, sophomore year . . . Stockbridge Agricultural School will find Andy on its roster next year . . .



#### CAROLE A. ARMSTRONG

"*Carrie*", as her friends call her, was a member of the Literary and Art Staffs of the Pioneer . . . She's headed toward business school . . . after which she expects to fulfill her ambition of becoming a legal secretary . . .



# 1951

## JAY BAISLEY

The girl with all the pep and personality . . . Active in Student Council, Pioneer Literary Staff, dance committees . . . President of the Junior Woman's Club . . . We hope *Jay* enjoys Wellesley next year as much as Spanish this year . . .



## NELSON BATES

"*Snookie*", known as quite the ladies' man . . . Among his hobbies, photography and cars . . . Mr. Bennett's history class and Mr. Wogan's home-room will always be a cherished memory . . . You who cross sparkplugs, beware of "*Snookie*" . . .



## EDWARD R. BENNETT

"*Happy*" . . . Captain of the baseball team, member of the Student Council and basketball team . . . Enjoyed bookkeeping . . . Next year he plans to work days and study nights . . . We wish "*Happy*" success in his ambition to retire at thirty . . .



## MARILYN BERRY

*Marilyn* will always be remembered for her wit and personality . . . Hopes to go on to junior college . . . become an interior decorator . . . An active member of many clubs . . . Enjoys dancing and sports . . . Will never forget cheerleading . . .



## RUTH E. ARNETT

Attractive, fun-loving *Ruthie* aims for one of two careers, secretarial work, or nursing . . . Favorite subject, shorthand . . . Can't seem to forget 7th period study with Mr. Wogan . . . Enjoys most outdoor activities . . . Harbors dislike for sneaks . . .

## ERNEST ARSENAULT

Neat, quiet, good-looking — that's *Ernie* . . . Likes to dance, roller-skate . . . dislikes homework . . . Wants to become a licensed electrician . . . probably will go to night school . . . Beating the tardy bell created a problem for *Ernie* . . .







**RICHARD R.  
BLANCHARD**

A notorious happy-go-lucky funster . . . *Red* loves sports and cooking . . . Created numerous diversions during senior play rehearsals . . . Provided enjoyment with his singing . . . who will forget "Water"? . . . His plans call for a musical career . . .



**LAWRENCE BLOOD**

Tall, sophisticated *Lawrie* . . . our Dr. Reeber in the senior play . . . Claims tennis, baseball and bridge among his many interests . . . Chemistry and Math 4 have most appeal . . . the College Course was no stumbling block for him



**RICHARD BOGAN**

*Dick*, who seems quiet, was one of the stars of the senior play . . . Photography, swimming, and study are tops with him . . . Next year he will enter Suffolk University, where we know he will become a success . . .



**ALBERT BROWN**

*Albie*, often seen in his so-called "car", whizzed around town from dawn 'til dark . . . Rated shop as "tops" in General Course . . . Plans next year to work in the mechanical field, satisfying his main interests . . .

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**DOROTHY BROWN**

*Dottie* . . . known for her infectious laugh and gay spirits . . . Active member of Junior Woman's Club, Rainbow, and basketball . . . Spends her spare time in typing, her favorite subject . . . She will make some lucky person an efficient secretary



**GERALDINE BROWN**

Blonde, blue-eyed *Gerry* will always remember study and the "red leather chair" . . . Active in Junior Woman's Club . . . After graduation, it's secretarial school and a one-way ticket to White Horse Beach . . .



# 1951

## THOMAS BUNKER

*Tom . . . an active member of the Student Council . . . Plans to go on to business school . . . He takes great interest in golf, hockey, cars, and girls . . . Dislikes conceited people . . . Will always remember his English classes*



## JUDITH L. BUTLER

*Judy aided the senior play . . . as a member of both the cast and the reading committee . . . Next year will find her at Lowell or Framingham Teachers College . . . Among extracurricular activities, horseback riding and swimming are her favorites . . .*



## PAUL C. CAIN

*"Sugar" Cain . . . always smiling . . . a great humorist . . . As a speedy member of the track team, Paul detested the lunch-hour traffic jams which slowed him down . . . The crystal ball reveals Paul as a mechanic . . .*



## PRISCILLA CAREY

*As cute as a cookie and possessing a sparkling personality, "Cookie" will enter the nursing profession . . . Out of doors, she enjoys sports . . . swimming, mountain climbing . . . Seems to remember well the 1950 Senior Prom . . .*



## LOIS C. BRYANT

*"Loie" . . . Known by her sweet voice and her versatility on the dance floor . . . Schola Cantorum and Pioneer Staff claimed Loie's talents . . . History with Mr. Bennett holds fond memories . . . Next year, she'll study music*

## BRUCE F. BUCKLER

*Bruce plans to study business administration at the University of New Hampshire . . . A member of the camera club and projection crew . . . Will always remember the "jazz" sessions in physics lab and English oral book reports*







### ALBERT H. CEASER

The strong silent type . . .  
*Al* . . . an avid outdoors man,  
 delighting in hunting and  
 fishing . . . He displays his  
 musical ability by playing the  
 accordian . . . His favorite  
 memory . . . his single en-  
 counter with the Red Chair



### HERBERT CEDER

"*Herbie*" or "*the Swede*," is  
 a genial character whose fa-  
 vorite memory of R.H.S. is  
 "the red chair" . . . After  
 graduation, Herb plans to  
 join the Navy . . . Likes al-  
 most everything in school ex-  
 cept homework and tests . . .



### D. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN

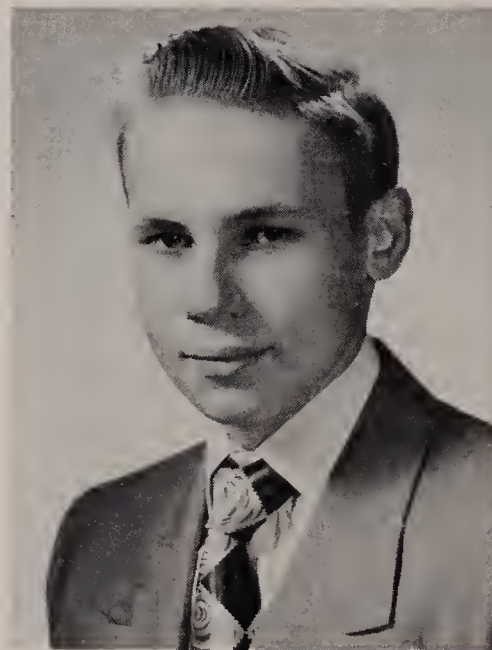
Good-looking, affable *Dick*  
 . . . reliable traffic leader . . .  
 showed promise on the foot-  
 ball field...Smashed through  
 the College Course . . . scored  
 chemistry tops . . . plans to  
 attend the University of Mas-  
 sachusetts . . . has some phase  
 of agriculture in mind . . .



### ARNOLD CHASE

*Arnie* . . . the Mammy  
 Singer . . . his clever imita-  
 tions of the great Jolson will  
 never be forgotten . . . Tal-  
 ented participant in Boys  
 Chorus and Schola Cantorum  
 . . . music appreciation rates  
 top billing with him . . . Am-  
 bition, to become a famous  
 singer . . .

# RHS



### THOMAS CLARK

"*Diamond*" . . . a member  
 of the formidable traffic squad  
 . . . claims math his favorite  
 subject . . . "*Diamond*" was  
 an efficient manager of the  
 football and track teams . . .  
 Having overcome the College  
 Course, he'll attend the Uni-  
 versity of Massachusetts . . .



### STANLEY COLBURN

*Stanley* . . . a little guy  
 with a big grin . . . Strongly  
 asserts that Spanish classes  
 with Miss White were tops  
 . . . In his sports world, base-  
 ball reigns supreme . . . After  
 college Stanley will leave his  
 mark in the engineering field



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## JAMES COOK

Hoping for more baseball, football, golf, *Jim* will go to Tufts . . . Likes chemistry . . . loathes silly girls . . . A member of the Pioneer Literary Staff and dance committees . . . Let's hope Tufts can soften the memory of Mr. Sussmann's lectures . . .



## FRANK COOLIDGE JR.

*Frankie* plans to become a pharmacist . . . Like most people, he gets the Monday morning blues . . . Remembers Mr. Pope's physics class . . . One of the selected few playing in the band . . . Chief interests include photography and records . . .



## THULA COPPINGER

A pretty name, *Thula*, for a pretty girl . . . she makes "ming trees" as a hobby . . . Hopes to become a salesgirl, not for life, though . . . Would like to have seen A's and B's more often . . .



## GERALD W. CORINDIA

*Jerry* takes great interest in auto racing . . . and fondly remembers biology with Miss Zimmerman . . . Disliked English . . . but enjoyed study periods . . . Hopes to join the Marines and travel next year . . . Ambition is to become a millionaire . . .



## PATRICIA COLLINS

*Pat*, a member of the National Honor Society and the Literary staff of the Pioneer, possesses a fine singing voice . . . Enjoyed singing in the Schola Cantorum . . . and Girls' Chorus . . . Will most fondly remember the school musical . . .

## PATRICIA CONNELLY

Personable "*Pat*" dislikes stalling cars . . . Enjoys Junior Women's Club and roller skating . . . Claims her ambition is to own a new convertible . . . After graduation *Pat* looks forward to secretarial school . . . then a successful career . . .







### JOANN CROSBY

Always busy . . . *Joann's* activities include Student Council, Baton Squad, Senior Executive Board and Junior Woman's Club . . . her performance in the senior play will always be remembered . . . Next year it's college for Joann, a future English teacher . . .



### JOHN CRYTS

*Johnny*, a tall curly-haired lad, is one of the stars of our baseball team . . . To graduate is his one ambition . . . Likes holidays best in the school year . . . Has indefinite plans for the future . . . possibly college . . .



### EDWARD CURTIN

After graduation, *Eddie* will head for the seas and Uncle Sam's Coast Guard . . . Basketball and dancing are Ed's chief interests . . . although reports say that this lad has hidden artistic talent . . . Girls, just look at those curly locks . . .



### ARTHUR E. CURTIS

An outstanding xylophonist, Art is an officer in the Demolay and a member of the track team . . . Portrayed "*Chester*" in the Senior Play . . . He disliked the homework, but enjoyed Mr. Pope's physics class . . . College next September . . .

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### NANCY DALTON

Cute . . . witty . . . both describe *Nancy "D"* . . . plans include comptometer school and fulfilling life-long secretarial ambition . . . capable member of Art and Business staff . . . Nancy enjoys dancing and art . . . dislikes homework . . . Nancy will long remember English class . . .



### FORD DENNIS

The guy with the beautiful voice . . . we remember his duet, "I'd like to take a walk," in "Spring Comes Laughing" . . . *Ford*, a member of the Senior Executive Board and the chorus, will attend Mass. Maritime Academy . . .



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## ANNETTE N. DOUCETTE

*Annette*, ticket and program girl at the football games . . . Her artistic traits revealed by her clever sketching . . . Star player on the girls basketball team . . . She will prepare for her career at the Lowell School of Nursing . . .



## MARK L. DOUCETTE

*Mark* . . . an ardent Art III student . . . in keeping with his favorite subject, he was a member of the Pioneer Art Staff . . . Mark helps to fill the ranks of those who will always remember the 2:30 bell . . .



## NANCY DOUCETTE

*Petite* . . . fun-loving *Nancy* . . . who has fond memories of the Junior-Senior Reception . . . Member of Pioneer Literary Staff, Press Club, girls' chorus . . . Claims roller-skating as her favorite diversion . . . Next year will find Nancy at business school . . .



## PAUL DOUCETTE

*Pauly* . . . familiar, well-liked figure at R.H.S. . . . followed the General Course . . . A great asset to Rocket's baseball team during his three years at school . . . One of the few who have no pet peeves . . . All Paul wants . . . success . . .



## CLINTON C. DEWHURST

Better known as *Dewey* . . . One of the many who consider lunch their favorite subject . . . Will always remember Miss Cox's fourth-period English class . . . Next year Dewey plans to work . . . Ambition . . . to own his own business . . .



## JEANNE DONNELLY

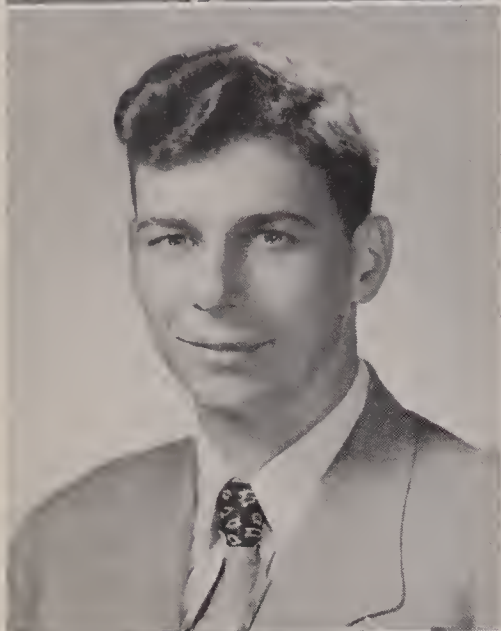
*Jeanne* . . . the domestic type . . . disdains snobs . . . Her future includes marriage . . . family . . . Dancing and watching television occupy her spare time . . . A member of Schola Cantorum and Girls' Chorus, how could she forget R.H.S. musical productions . . .





### NORMAN DUFRESNE

*Norm*, a quiet fellow, enjoys working in the real estate office . . . hopes to be a successful real estate broker . . . Favorite subject is book-keeping . . . Interested in civic organizations . . . Active member of boys' chorus . . . Favorite memory — "rickety stairs" . . .



### WILLIAM F. DUNPHY

Curly-haired *Bill* . . . two years in the chorus, thanks to his very nice, deep voice . . . played "Professor Floyd" in the senior play . . . a very talented young man . . . Enjoyed Mr. Bennett's history classes in his junior year . . .



### ERNEST S. DURB

*Ernie* . . . usually smiling . . . likes excitement . . . Claims girls as his chief interest . . . In school, enjoyed study and 6th-period lunch . . . disliked homework . . . is usually found in Room I after hours . . . Ambition, to become a successful poultryman . . .



### FRANK ELWELL

A serious face giving way to a responsive smile . . . *Frankie* . . . Hockey dominates his sports . . . math heads his subjects . . . Dartmouth seems to be in the back of his mind for next year . . . Pet peeve, backseat drivers

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### ISABELL FERRY

Always smiling . . . *Issie* . . . known to all for her wonderful sense of humor . . . Enjoys football games . . . like many of us, she will never forget that 1950 Punchard game . . . Isabell is another of our future nurses



### LOIS M. FIENEMANN

Petite and charming . . . "*Feenie*" breezed through the Secretarial Course . . . Assistant librarian to Miss Bishop . . . To fulfill her ambition as a medical secretary, she plans to attend the Fisher Business School . . . Votes English her favorite subject



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## RALPH FOLEY

"Sonny" who likes science, has chosen Franklin Tech for his training as an automotive engineer . . . A member of the boys' chorus and track team . . . will always remember the loud speaker and "Attention, please" . . .



## CARL FORSBERG

Carl is usually seen working at one of his two hobbies, wood-working or cars . . . Most of his time is taken up with these interests . . . He's peeved by silly girls . . . Has fond memories of Mr. Oliver's humor . . .



## ROBERT FOWLOW

Although rather reserved, Bob possesses a smiling good nature . . . He plans to attend B. U. School of Business Administration next year to prepare for his life's work as an accountant . . . Cameras and animals interest him . . .



## EDWARD GADBOIS

"Gabby" . . . dynamic on the football field . . . for three years a member of the baseball team . . . He'll never forget the excitement after the Punchard game . . . Enrolled in the College Course, "Gabby" claims no love for French . . .



## ELOISE FLATER

"Lovey" played an efficient guard on the girls basketball team . . . A member of the girls' chorus and the Schola Cantorum . . . Diligently followed the Commercial Course . . . Plans to be a telephone operator . . .

## ELEANOR FOLEY

"Effie" . . . made life interesting during shorthand classes . . . enjoyed History but disliked writing those summaries . . . Mr. Bronner's capable secretary . . . member of National Honor Society and Pioneer Staff . . . enthusiastic citizen at Girls' State

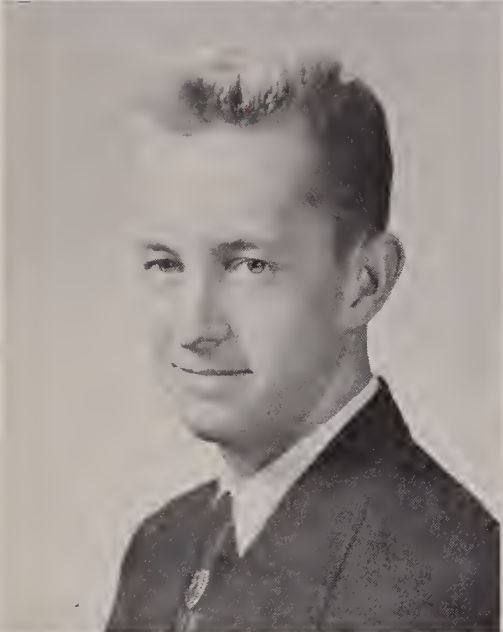






#### GRAHAM GAW

Blond, good-looking addition to the College Course... "Gum" . . . one of the popular managers of our grid-iron eleven . . . all sports interest this talented member of Schola Cantorum . . . Next year he will answer the call to college . . .



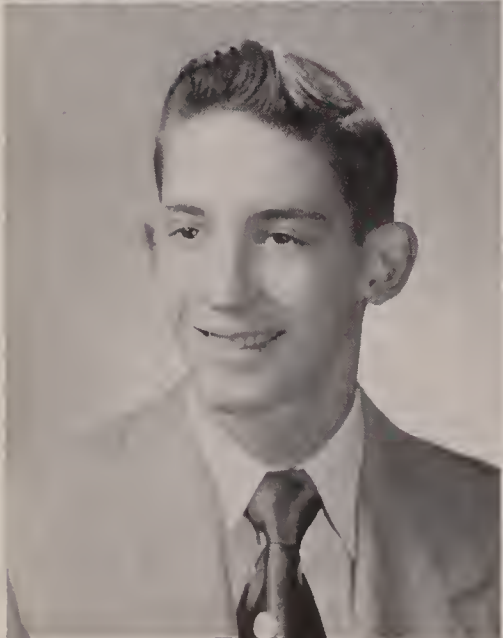
#### JOHN GEENTY

John, a personable lad who succeeded in the College Course . . . gave Latin his vote as favorite subject . . . Was able student director of the senior play . . . A proficient skier . . . Will enter Boston College next fall . . .



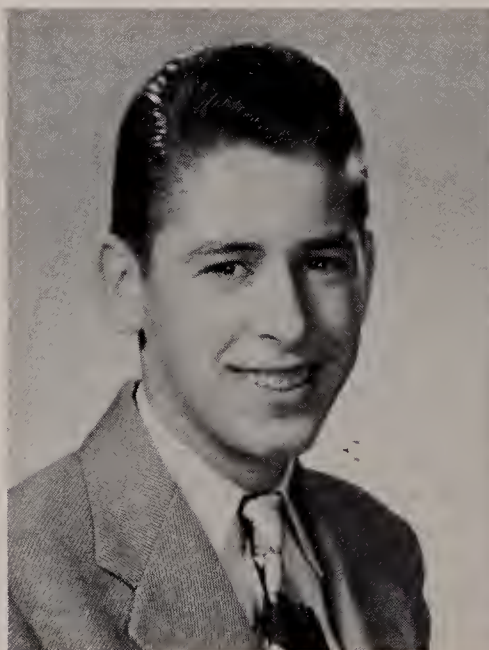
#### ROBERT GIBSON

"Gib" . . . our well-known Rocket halfback . . . will never forget that wonderful game with Winchester . . . He's also an excellent basketball player . . . Well known for mocking, his favorite pastime . . . Next year "Gib" would like to attend Notre Dame . . .



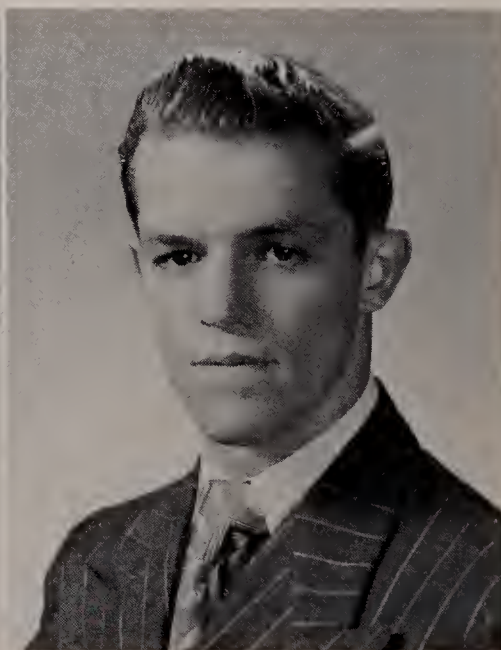
#### ERNEST GILLIS

Ernie, after fulfilling his life-long ambition, to graduate, plans to work next year . . . Never will forget that explosive incident in study hall . . . why? . . . Ernie's chief interest . . . basketball . . . He will always remember English class . . .



#### MALCOLM GRANT

One of our quieter members from North Reading . . . When Mal isn't hunting or fishing, one can always find him at 316 Lowell Street . . . One of Uncle Sam's recruits . . . Mal dislikes mercenary and inquisitive people . . .



#### FRANK HADLEY

Frank, leader of the R.H.S. football team, was a member of the basketball team and the Student Council . . . Remembers mocks from "Soy" and "Gib" . . . Next year Frank will don the popular Navy blue . . .

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## WERNER W. HERTEL

*"Punchy"* . . . vice-president of the Schola Cantorum . . . member of boys' chorus . . . football team . . . Expects to work for Uncle Sam in the near future . . . Ownership of a new convertible is his ambition . . . to delight the girls, naturally . . .



## LORETTA HICKS

*Retta* . . . plans to attend Cooley-Dickenson Hospital . . . later she hopes to wear the wings of an airline stewardess . . . Horseback riding and swimming are her favorite sports . . . Recalls Miss Zimmermann's biology class with pleasure . . .



## WILLARD A. HILLS

Senior Play, Schola Cantorum and boys' chorus have received *Willie's* attention . . . His favorite subject is physics . . . Interested in musical comedies . . . Memories of senior play rehearsal will recall gay days at R.H.S. . . . Next year, college . . .



## JUDITH E. HOLDMAN

*Judy*, who always has a ready smile, is a very important member of Rainbow and Miss Nichols' Senior Executive Board . . . Will never forget basketball practice at the Joshua Eaton School . . . Hopes to travel to England



## EDWARD HALEY

*Eddie* contributed his services to the National Honor Society, Traffic Squad, and the Pioneer . . . Prime interest in life is the preservation of a certain '36 Ford . . . An expert skier, Ed will honor Dartmouth next year



## SALLY ANN HARDING

Sweet, charming *Sal* . . . who enjoys dancing, music, rollerskating and driving . . . Harbors a dislike for conceited or tardy people . . . Ever been late for first period, Sal? . . . Next year will find Sally working in a Boston bank . . .







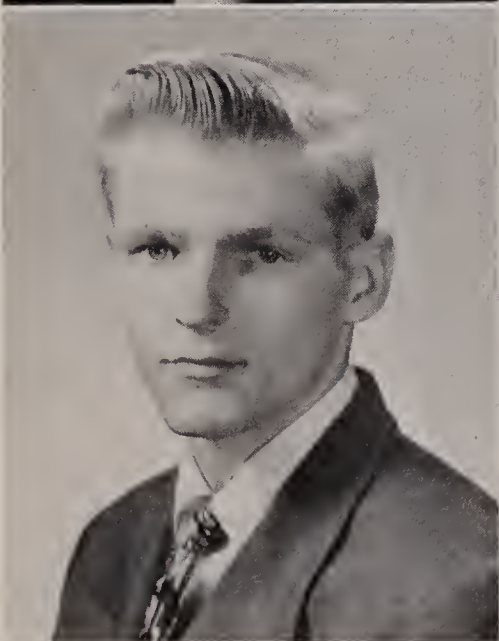
### BARBARA HOLMES

*Barb*, an ardent follower of the Commercial Course, found typing her favorite subject . . . Swimming, basketball, and watching football games keep Barb busy when she's not doing homework . . . Plans after graduation . . . to be a telephone operator . . .



### RICHARD HERRIGAN

*Dick*, a capable pitcher and hockey player, proves that size isn't everything . . . Undecided as to where he will go next year . . . he's aiming for a career as an automobile mechanic . . . We know he'll be successful . . .



### FRED W. HORTON JR.

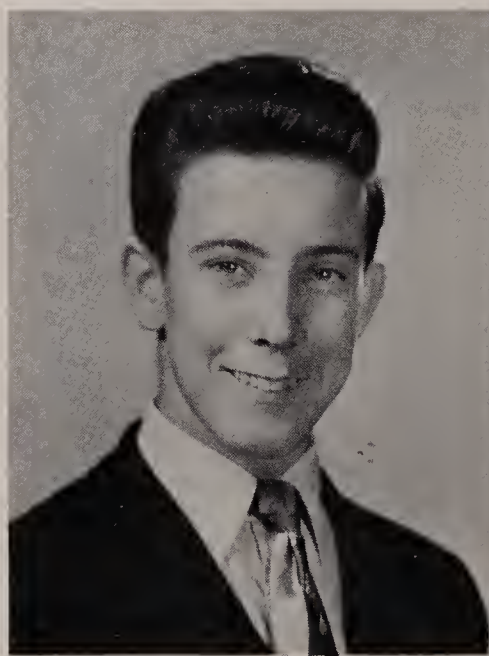
*Billy* is going to Northeastern next year . . . to train for a career in automotive engineering . . . Has taken an active part in Demolay . . . Fondly remembers physics class with Mr. Pope and playing in the American Legion Band . . .



### ARLINE A. HOYT

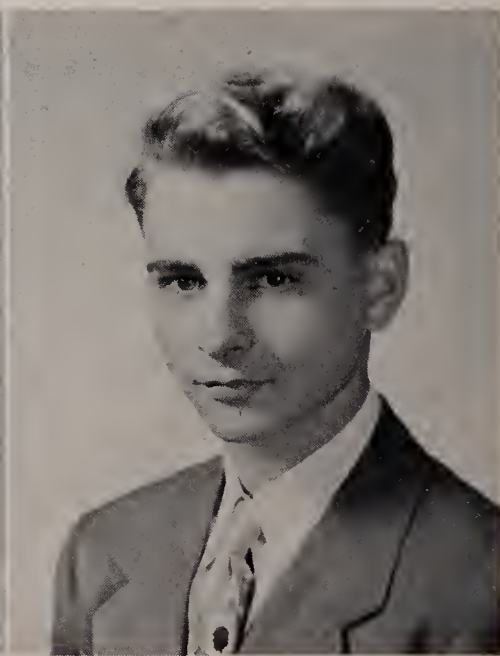
Arline, alias "*Shorty*" . . . diligent follower of the Commercial Course and competent secretary to Mr. Halpin . . . Baseball and sailing are her chief interests . . . favorite subject, English . . . Arline's favorite memory of the hallowed halls . . . those rides home on the bus . . .

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### LEONARD HOYT

Music, music, music . . . that's "*Babe*" . . . our ivory artist . . . famed pianist of the Mudville Kitchen Band . . . came to us last year from Saint Pat's in Stoneham . . . Has fond memories of Mr. Oliver's Music Appreciation class . . .



### JOHN HURD JR.

*Johnny's* ambition is to travel around the world . . . but not until he has finished his education . . . Hopes to attend military school next year . . . and he ought to look snappy in one of those uniforms . . .



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## BEVERLY A. JOHNSON

Attractive *Bev* is an all-round athlete . . . starred on the girls' basketball team . . . Among her subjects she rates languages and math at the top . . . remembers Miss White and Mr. Fitzgerald . . . Will terminate her school career in June . . .



## PHILIP M. JOHNSON

*Phil* . . . a star track man . . . has among his many interests photography, hunting, and fishing . . . he's also a diligent member of the Camera Club . . . With his favorite subject, chemistry, Phil hopes to become successful in the scientific field . . .



## JANET L. JONES

*Janet* traveled the Commercial Course, planning to be a Comptometer operator . . . Enjoyed stenography . . . Activities included Student Council and Junior Woman's Club . . . Enjoys dancing and served on many dance committees . . . Remembers study with Mr. Pope . . .



## MARGARET HYNES

*Margie*, one of our quieter classmates, would like to start her career in Boston . . . later move to New York . . . Enjoys singing and dancing . . . Her favorite subject, French, affords her many pleasant memories of R.H.S.



## CHARLES W. JENSEN

Tall, blond *Charlie* amused us all with his performance in the senior play . . . Plans after graduation include dairy farming . . . Other interests . . . Demolay, stock car racing . . . Has a soft spot in his heart for Miss Drury . . .



## LAWRENCE KELSEN

The enterprising mechanic, long and lean . . . will make automobiles his life's work . . . A lover of excitement, *Kels* will never forget his Saturday night escapades . . . The basketball team loses a star center in *Kels* . . .







#### ANN KROECK

*Ann*, a red-head, mastered the College Course . . . Math's her favorite subject . . . She'll never forget Miss Kling's Type I class . . . irksome homeroom periods . . . Tennis, basketball, Junior Woman's Club claimed her attention . . . next year, Endicott Junior College . . .



#### ANN LAKE

A true sports enthusiast . . . was on the basketball and softball teams . . . prefers athletics, in which she excels, to schoolwork . . . hopes to continue in that line of activity . . . Refreshing personality . . . lots of fun . . . Lots of luck, "*Slugger*" . . .



#### IRENE C. LANDER

Our head baton twirler with the flaming red hair will always remember R.H.S. football . . . "*Renie*" hopes to be a secretary and later a model . . . We skeptics predict marriage . . . she is so partial to Joes . . .



#### JAMES LAZENBY

*Jim*, the big fellow with an abundance of personality . . . Was a staunch devotee of the College Course . . . delighting in math . . . Will always remember Spanish II . . . Looks forward to the University of Massachusetts and the teaching profession . . .

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#### JANICE LEHMAN

*Jan*, the girl with the pleasing personality . . . Enjoys R.H.S. gridiron clashes . . . Advocates going steady . . . Member of Pioneer Business Staff . . . Next year she'll be at New England Deaconess . . . then on to success in a nursing career . . .



#### FRED LEHR

*Fred*, one of the quieter members of our class, plans to join the Marines after graduating . . . One of the valuable members of the track team . . . Will be a big success in any field that he chooses . . .



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## JAMES LOTHIAN

*Jim* is a manly fellow . . . very much interested in mechanics . . . mastered the Practical Arts Course . . . will always retain memories of Mr. Baker's math class . . . Enjoys bowling and skating . . . Indefinite about future plans . . . Army's a good prospect . . .



## PAUL M. MACINNIS

Diligent pursuer of the College Course . . . *Paul* left his mark as a traffic officer and member of the track team . . . Like all of us he dislikes homework . . . Paul claims a special liking for physics class . . .



## LISSA MARSHALL

*Lissa*, with history as her favorite subject, whizzed through the College Course . . . Ardent member of Baton Squad, basketball team, and girls chorus . . . Ambition is to have a successful career . . . Looks forward to Wheaton College next year . . .



## NANCY LITCHFIELD

*Nance*, known for her friendly smile, best remembers seventh-period study . . . Fond of the 2:30 bell on Fridays . . . hates Monday mornings . . . Enjoys roller skating and White Horse Beach . . . Hopes to be a successful secretary . . .



## ERVIN LIVINGSTONE

Becoming a first-class veterinarian is *Erv's* main objective . . . plans to study for this profession at either Penn. State or Colgate . . . *Erv* enjoyed the Scientific Course . . . Hunting, fishing, golf, are among his hobbies . . . Extroverts annoy *Erv* . . .

## G. FREDERICK McINTIRE

Hunting and roller-skating fascinate "*Mac*" . . . Fred's ambition is to be a farmer . . . one of the country's most necessary occupations . . . His favorite subject, chemistry, should encourage him to be scientific in his farming . . . His favorite memory? . . . 2:30 . . .







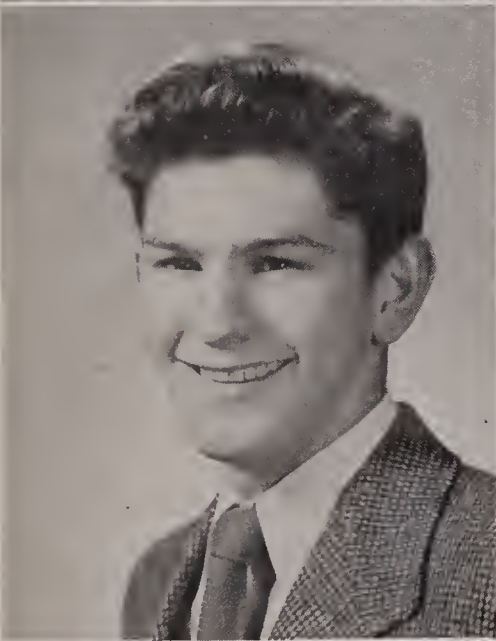
### DONALD McQUEEN

*Mac* came to Reading High this year from Malden, where he was active on the basketball team . . . baseball and basketball are this tall, handsome lad's favorite activities . . . After graduation *Mac* plans to attend Mergenthaler Institute . . .



### MARILYN McSHEEHY

*"Mack"* . . . *"Funnyface"* . . . she answers to either of these . . . Marilyn . . . our blonde, vivacious member of the General Course . . . We all know that her plans for next year include a certain Mike from Wakefield . . .



### MATTHEW MEIER

*"Hoppy"* wants to work in a bank, and later buy a gas station . . . He can then work diligently on his beloved cars . . . Always looks forward to lunch and 2:30 bell . . . Dislikes braggarts and conceited people . . .



### D. GAIL MICH

*Gail* mastered the College Course, with French as her favorite subject . . . Revealed her dramatic talent as *"Gale"* in *Best Foot Forward* . . . her activities include Pioneer, Schola Cantorum, and Chorus . . . Next year, Jackson College . . .

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### CHARLES F. MIDDLETON JR.

*Buddy*, being artistically and mechanically inclined, will journey to Detroit and work at General Motors . . . where he hopes to fulfill his ambition to be an automobile designer . . . Demolay and automobiles occupy the present for Bud . . .



### RALPH MILLEY

*"Unk"* is happy only when swinging a golf club . . . As captain of the golf team he showed he is capable of fulfilling his ambition, to be a professional golfer . . . Enjoyed history with Mr. Bennett . . . After graduation, the Armed Forces . . .



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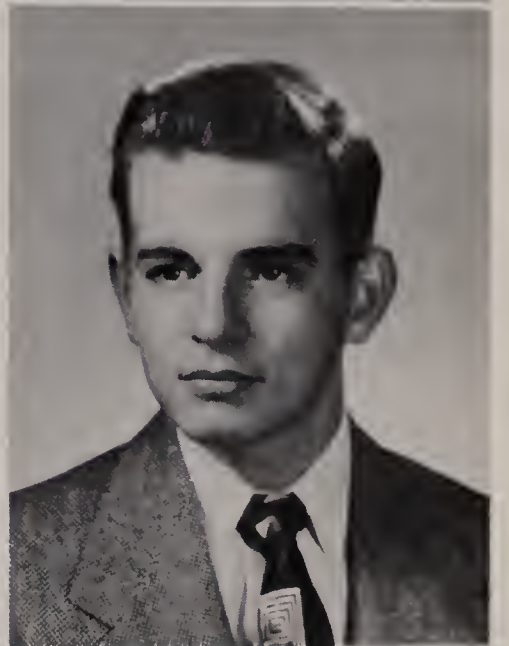
## LILLIAN MUNN

A friendly smile . . . a cheerful "Hi" . . . these belong to our attractive literary editor . . . *Lil* whizzed through the College Course and found Miss White's Spanish class tops . . . Her future plans include Lowell State Teachers College . . .



## JOSEPH A. MURPHY

*Joe*, a handsome all-round athlete . . . displayed his ability on the gridiron, basketball court, and track field . . . won't forget that Punchard game . . . Member of the Student Council and traffic squad . . . Lawrence Academy beckons this lad . . .



## CYNTHIA NELSON

It's on to Middlebury for *Cyn*, our Junior President . . . Indispensable member of the girls' basketball team and an exuberant cheerleader . . . Contributed to the success of the senior play . . . delighted in Spanish II . . . We'll remember *Cyn* . . .



## MABEL C. MOODIE

*Mabel*, head ticket girl . . . capable member of the Pioneer Business Staff, Chronicle Staff . . . Secretary to Miss Nichols and Mr. Baker . . . Favorite subjects, stenography and typing, will help her become a competent medical secretary . . .



## PHYLISS M. MUGFORD

Petite and quiet . . . that's "*Fee*," who dislikes mockers very much . . . She greatly enjoyed Mr. Baker's math class . . . *Fee*, who has hopes of becoming a professional hair dresser, will start her training after graduation . . .

## PRISCILLA A. NICKERSON

Priscilla . . . known as "*Dimples*" . . . was a member of the Girls' Chorus and the Schola Cantorum . . . A pleasant and efficient secretary to Miss Cox . . . Stenography and typing, her favorite subjects, will bring her deserved success as a secretary . . .

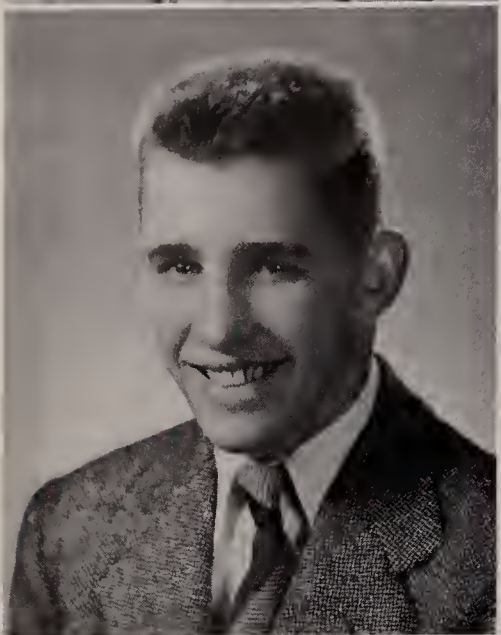






#### NILS L. NORDBERG

*Nils* could be seen pursuing his favorite hobby, photography, at all R.H.S. sports events . . . Mastered the College Course . . . excelling in mathematics . . . Was active in various clubs . . . Took part in the senior play . . . Next year, Cornell . . .



#### STANWOOD NUTTER

*Stan* . . . outstanding tackle on the gridiron and great track star . . . Devoted three years to the Scientific Course . . . liked it so much that he wants more . . . probably in the field of physics . . . He'll never forget Coach Crowley . . .



#### THOMAS R. O'BRIEN

*O'Bie* . . . a good-looking guy who's full of fun . . . seems to be adept at being blamed for misdemeanors . . . He and Miss Roy will never forget each other . . . Favorite subject, chemistry . . . Ambition, to become President . . .



#### ROBERT G. O'DONNELL

*Bob* . . . determined to be a success in whatever he undertakes . . . Found algebra his favorite subject . . . Outside interest, hunting and fishing . . . Bob will long remember Mr. Pope's classes . . . However, English will haunt him forever . . .

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#### LOUISE PENNO

This attractive lass will attend Malden Business School after graduation . . . Her secret ambition, to travel . . . *Lou* . . . a great sports enthusiast and loyal fan . . . commercial student with typing her favorite . . . *Lou's* lasting memory . . . study hall . . .



#### EVERETT PETERSON

*Pete* can hardly wait to travel from door to door, as his ambition is to become a salesman . . . Enrolled in the Shop Course, Pete finds math most enjoyable . . . Skiing and DeMolay consume much of his spare time . . .



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## W. RUSTON RICH

*Rusty* . . . a member of the track team, Pioneer Staff, and Chronicle Staff . . . He rates biology and chemistry tops in studies . . . If Rusty's hopes are realized, he will attend the Stockbridge School of Forestry . . .



## CHARLES RICHARDSON

Fondly remembers his sophomore biology class with Cook, Sullivan and Bell . . . *Chuck* . . . a smashing right guard on the Reading eleven . . . Pet peeve, the one-hour fourth period . . . It's the University of Connecticut for Chuck . . .



## PAUL ROBBINS

*"Pushy"* . . . amiable and good-natured . . . has no peeves . . . Basketball and golf comprise his favorite sports . . . Dapper Paul will certainly look snappy in a Marine's uniform . . . His main ambition, however, is to own Levaggi's . . .



## WALTER ROBERTS

One of North Reading's contributions to our basketball and track teams . . . *Walt* plans to work in the local delicatessen after leaving R.H.S. . . . He's among those who claim that they will never forget fourth-period study . . .



## LOIS J. PETERSON

*"Pete"* . . . whose main ambition is to graduate, then set off to a nurses training school . . . Study periods were tops with Loie . . . extra-curricular activities include Girls' Chorus, Schola Cantorum . . . Boys who break dates annoy her no end . . .



## ELIZABETH ANN REED

Cheerful and friendly . . . *Ann* . . . known for her pet expression, "My gosh" . . . Member of Junior Woman's Club and Worthy Advisor in Rainbow . . . After graduation she aspires to become an R.N. . . . "Annie" will always remember Spanish II class . . .







#### BARBARA ROBINSON

Cute . . . peppy . . . that's *Barb* . . . Successfully managed the Commercial Course . . . Monday mornings come too often, but dancing and baseball are popular . . . Member of the Pioneer Business Staff and Senior Executive Board . . . Next year Chandler School . . .



#### GEORGE ROONEY

"*Roon*," a loyal plugger of the Rockets, will never forget his touchdown against Johnson . . . After graduation "*Roon*" plans to attend prep school . . . Among his souvenirs of R.H.S. will be thoughts of seventh-period study . . .



#### ELAINE RUGGLES

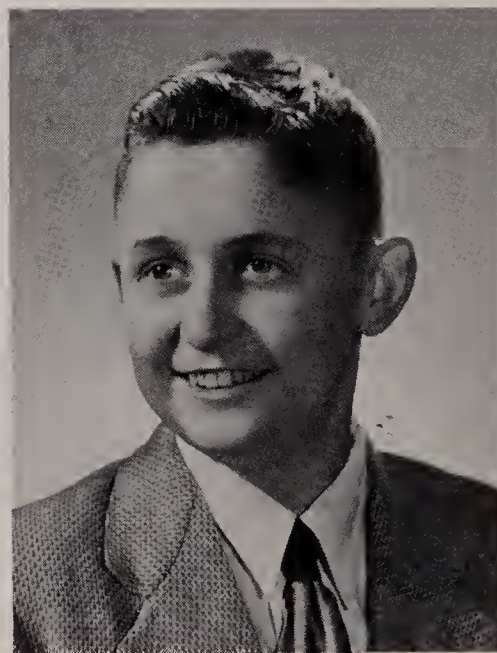
"*Elaine the fair*" . . . lovely cheerleader . . . Successfully followed the Secretarial Course . . . secretary to both Mr. Wogan and Mr. Adams . . . Pioneer typist . . . Capable member of various dance committees, girls' chorus . . . Next year, junior college for "*Rugg.*" . . .



#### ALLAN R. RUNGE

*Al* . . . shy but cheerful . . . three-year pursuer of the College Course . . . Hopes to attend Northeastern . . . if not school, says Al, it's the United States Marines . . . Able member of the track team . . . Evidently likes to drive . . .

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#### WARREN SCHOFIELD

"Work" is synonymous with *Warren* . . . Diligent follower of the Scientific Course . . . enjoyed math . . . and his hobby, model-building . . . After graduation he'll be a radio repairman . . . An industrious fellow who will be a credit to his employer . . .



#### RAYMOND A. SHIELDS

*Ray* . . . the tall, pleasant-looking chap from North Reading . . . His chief interests are in keeping with his choice of vocation . . . Next year he'll prepare for the ministry at Providence Bible Institute . . . Best wishes, Ray . . .



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## ALLAN R. SLETTERINK

*Al . . . the boy with the wavy hair . . . one of the shop boys who faithfully trudged to Junior High every day . . . Next year it's "Anchors Aweigh" for Al . . . a future member of Uncle Sam's Navy . . .*



## EDWARD H. SMITH

*Eddie will return to Reading High next year to take a postgraduate course before entering Wentworth . . . Hopes to become an airplane mechanic . . . Claims main interests are dances, girls, and sports . . . Has no love for English . . .*



## JEAN SMITH

*Cute, quiet, shy . . . Smitty, whose blonde hair is envied by many a girl at R.H.S. . . . This experienced lass desires a position in the typing field . . . Mockers that stand in front of Torres' are Smitty's bane . . .*



## RUBY SMITH

*"Smitty" . . . future secretary . . . Secret ambition, to travel throughout the U. S. . . . Fond memories, two years of English with Miss Batchelder, seventh-period study . . . Baseball, skating, movies are her favorite hobbies . . . Smitty strongly dislikes homework . . . and people who stare . . .*



## ELLEN SILLARS

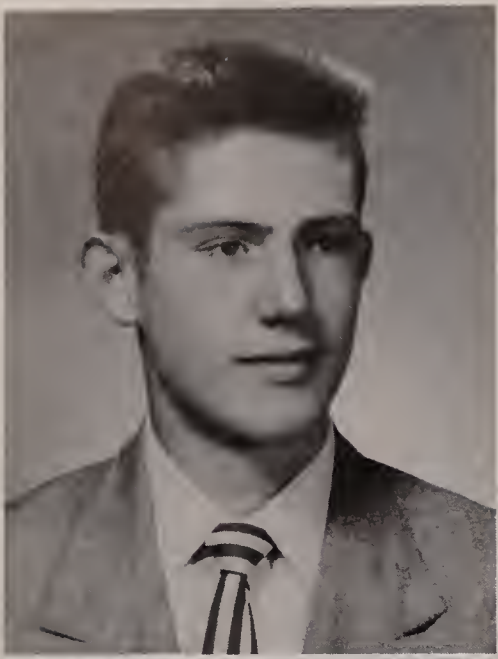
*Business school will elaim this girl with the radiant smile next year . . . Belongs to Junior Woman's Club . . . Captain of the program girls . . . Loathes waiting in the cafeteria line . . . Enjoys sports . . . especially skating on "the pond" . . .*



## JOYCE SKINNER

*Gay, sparkling . . . Joyce aims to wear the caduceus . . . snapped her fingers at the College Course . . . Busy as a cheerleader, member of Pioneer Staff, Student Council . . . a talented singer, dancer and pianist . . . Remembers Buddy and proms . . .*





### PAYSON SNOW

An outstanding member of the Class of '51 . . . Sophomore Vice-President, member of the Student Council . . . "Payso" zipped through the College Course . . . Favorite subject, math . . . He will attend Tufts College, later becoming an aeronautical engineer . . .



### F. ANTON SPRINGFORD

"Hold that pose!" . . . "Smile" . . . yes, it's *Tony*, diligent member of the Camera Club . . . His other interests include hockey and basketball . . . Next year it's the University of Pennsylvania for Tony . . . who plans to be a veterinarian . . .



### ARTHUR SULLIVAN

Twinkling eyes and general amiability characterize *Sully* . . . very easy going . . . He is a baseball and hockey enthusiast . . . and also likes vacations — don't we all? . . . Ambled through the College Course during his three years at R.H.S. . . .



### ROBERT SURDAM

"Soy" . . . our big right-end of the Rockets . . . Captain of basketball and a joyful golfer . . . will long remember his sessions with Coach Crowley . . . "Soy" will head toward college or prep school next year . . .

# RHS



### GERALDINE SURETTE

*Gerry*, one of the talented Home Economics girls, plans to use her knowledge in her own home . . . Enjoys typing and office work . . . Pet peeve is home work . . . Her happy smile will help her gain success . . .



### RICHARD A. SURETTE

"Clapboard" . . . one of our super-charged halfbacks . . . claims Miss Cox's fourth period tops . . . Physics also pleased him . . . After graduation it's the Navy for Richie, with an ambition to make a million . . . Smooth sailing . . .



# 1951

## ROBERT THIBAUT

*Bob . . . a senior-play star . . . The Junior Prom remains his fondest memory although music and English run a close second . . . An excellent runner on the track team . . . Lowell State Teachers claims Bob next year . . .*



## DOROTHY M. TONSETH

*Dottie . . . always ready to provide a little music . . . Was on the Pioneer business and art staffs . . . In the senior play . . . Will long remember her three years of music with Mr. Oliver . . . and cheering at football games . . .*



## THOMAS TOWER

*Good-looking, easy-going Tommy . . . has as his chief interest, favorite sport, and hobby — sleeping . . . Undecided about the future, he aspires to success in whatever he does do . . . Tom enjoyed consumer education . . . disliked teachers and homework . . .*



## JEAN SYMONDS

*Good-natured . . . industrious . . . Jeanie . . . future R.N. . . . hopes to train at New England Deaconess . . . History is tops with this vital member of girls' basketball team . . . Those three flights so early in the morning are taboo to Jean . . .*



## HAROLD TARBOX

*A young man with many and varied interests. Joe would like to travel down to the deep South after graduation . . . His favorite school subject is history . . . his favorite sport, hockey . . . He'll always remember Coach Crowley's classes . . .*



## RUTH TOWLE

*"Ruthie," our cute band leader, is one of the busier members of our class . . . Activities include Student Council, Pioneer Business Staff, secretary to Mr. Fitzgerald, and the presidency of the Youth Council . . . Ruthie successfully pursued the Commercial Course . . .*







**ROBERT E. TURNER JR.**

Always smiling . . . *Bob* was a diligent member of the Pioneer business staff, band, orchestra and track team . . . His hobby is printing . . . Babson Institute will lead him to success in his own printing business . . .



**ARA VORSGANIAN**

*Ara* . . . who came from the Isle of Cyprus to join the Class of '51 . . . amazed us with his versatility . . . charmed us with his music . . . Talented student of both violin and piano . . . a welcome member of '51 . . .



**BARBARA WEBB**

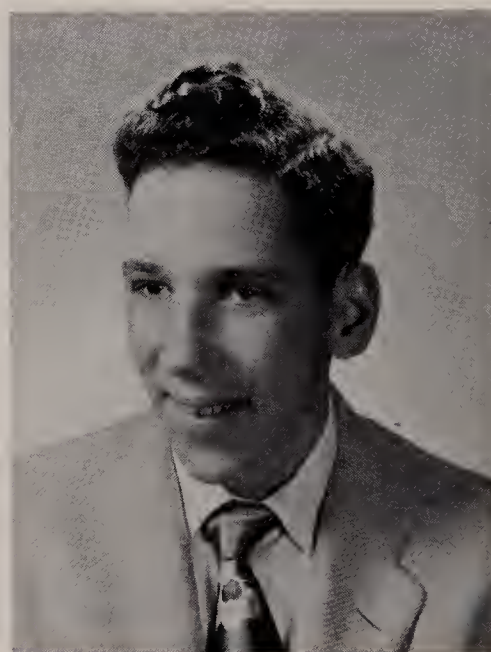
*Barbie* hopes to go on to junior college . . . Enjoys drawing, swimming, people . . . and her dates with Dick . . . Dislikes R.H.S. mockers . . . She says she will never forget her many wonderful friends . . .



**ROBERT C. WEYMOUTH**

*Pete's* one and only ambition . . . to make money and plenty of it . . . His favorite subject . . . consumer education . . . The fact that he has terminated his schooling pleases him immensely . . . his few pet peeves are incidental to *Pete* . . .

# RHS



**DAVID WHELTON**

*Dave* . . . whose favorite subject is math . . . hopes to attend the famed Naval Academy at Annapolis next year . . . *Dave* will always remember Mr. Pope's enjoyable classes . . . and his homeroom days in his junior year . . .



**TONY WHITNEY**

Quiet and reserved . . . in the classroom . . . Records of Dixieland and swing music fascinate *Tony* . . . He enjoys all the seasonal sports . . . Next year, work . . . afterwards, college . . . He'll always remember his junior homeroom . . .



# 1951

## ERNEST C. WHITTREDGE

The odor from the chem lab peeves *Whit* . . . Hopes to make a career in radio and television . . . and to own a ham radio station . . . Claims biology was his favorite subject . . . His fond memory? . . . all the teachers . . .



## LESLIE WILLIAMS

*Les* . . . vivacious head-cheerleader, plans to continue having fun in college . . . active member of dance committees . . . National Honor Society . . . As J.W.C. Vice-president, she's thankful she never had to preside . . . Everlasting memory . . . her many friends . . .



## CLIFFORD WOODSIDE

"*Whizz*" . . . a green Ford convertible roars by with Cliff at the wheel . . . Cliff detests the higher mathematics . . . delights in chemistry and physics . . . Enjoyed Demolay, bowling . . . Plans to attend Lowell Textile and become a chemical engineer . . .



## JOHN RICH

*Johnny* . . . one of our classmates who did not finish the journey through school with the rest of us . . . He was always smiling . . . full of fun . . . Fond memories of Johnny linger in the minds of our graduating class . . .

## SHERBURNE C. APPLETON

*Sherbie* . . . imported from Watertown . . . who proved his versatility by adapting himself to the College Course and being a great and vital member of our basketball team . . . Plans include Bowdoin or the Air Force . . . Ambition, colonelcy, U.S.A.F.

## J. BARRY COAKLEY

This member of R.H.S. has odd interests, rockets (not the team) and jets . . . His interests may help him realize his ambition to go to another planet . . . preferably Mars . . . *Barry* especially enjoyed chemistry with Mr. Adams

## ROBERT GIFFORD

*Bob* . . . ex-navy man . . . whose primary ambition is to receive that diploma . . . His talents lie along mechanical lines . . . and his hobby is repairing his car . . . After prep-school, he'll go to college . . . to prepare for engineering . . .





THOMAS BEHEN  
GEORGE CLATTENBURG  
MR. ALTON E. BENNETT

Two members of our class and one of our teachers left us at the beginning of this year's journey to join the United States Marine Corps. With them went our best wishes.



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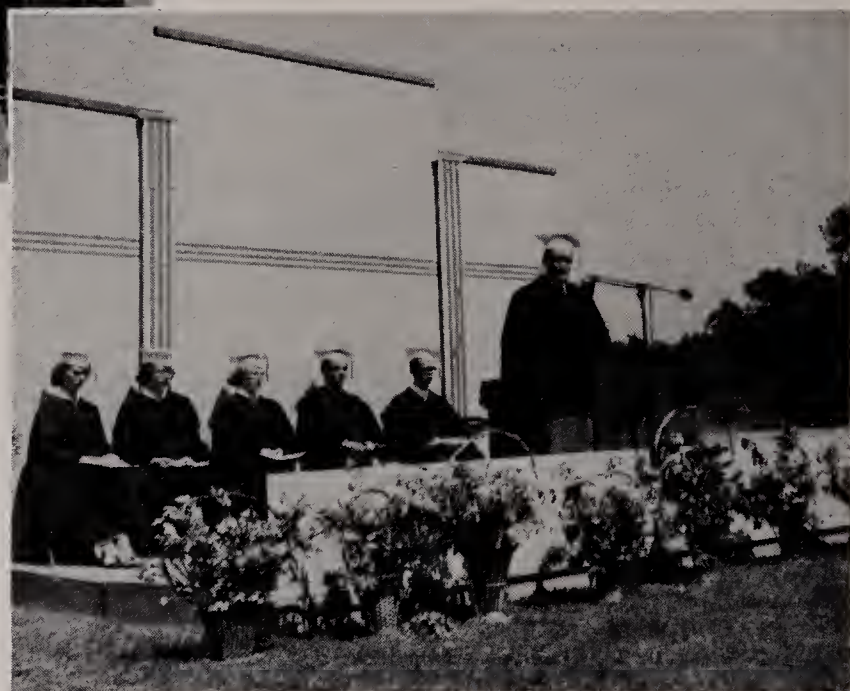
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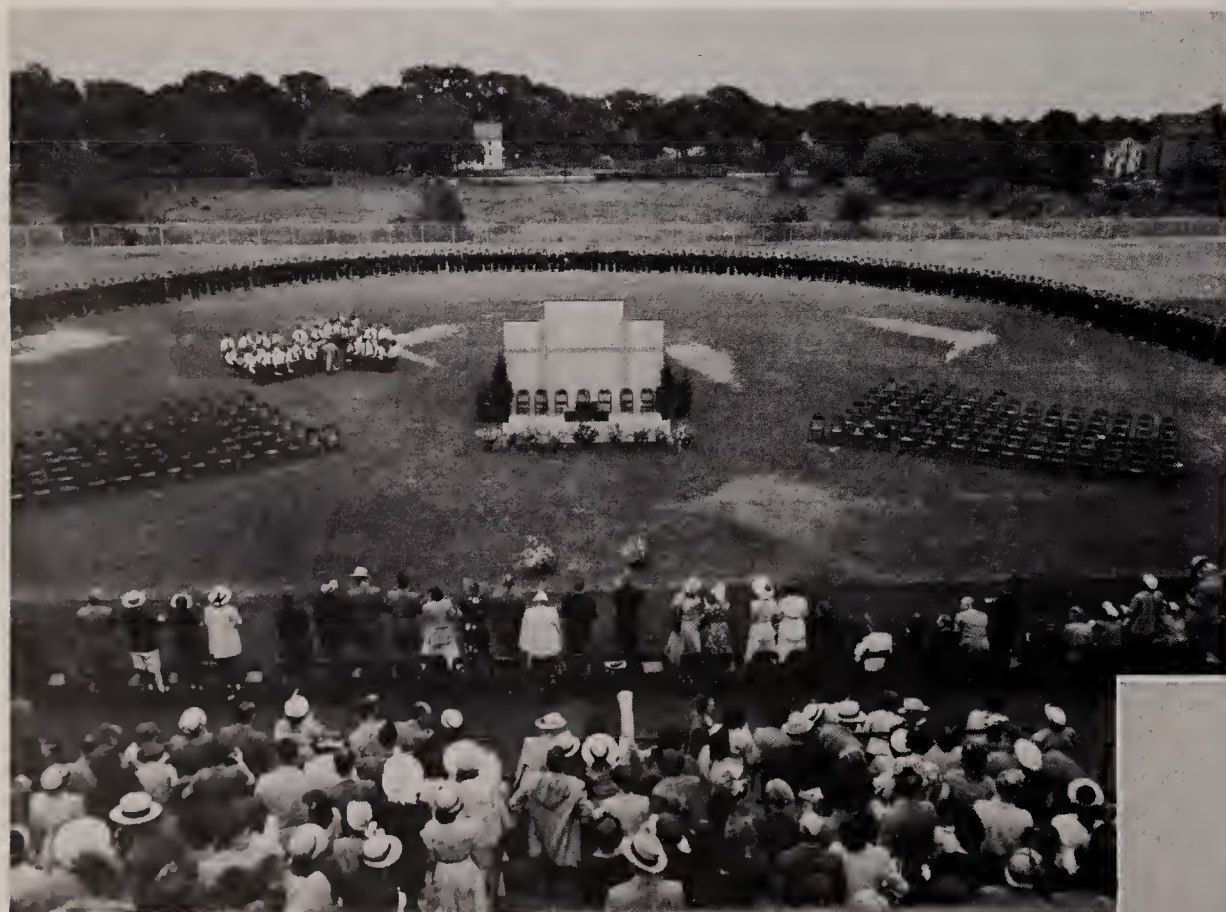
# Graduation



Arrayed in caps and gowns, Seniors file in for graduation exercises.



James Killam salutes the parents and friends of the Class of 1950.



Diplomas in hand, Seniors form their reception line.

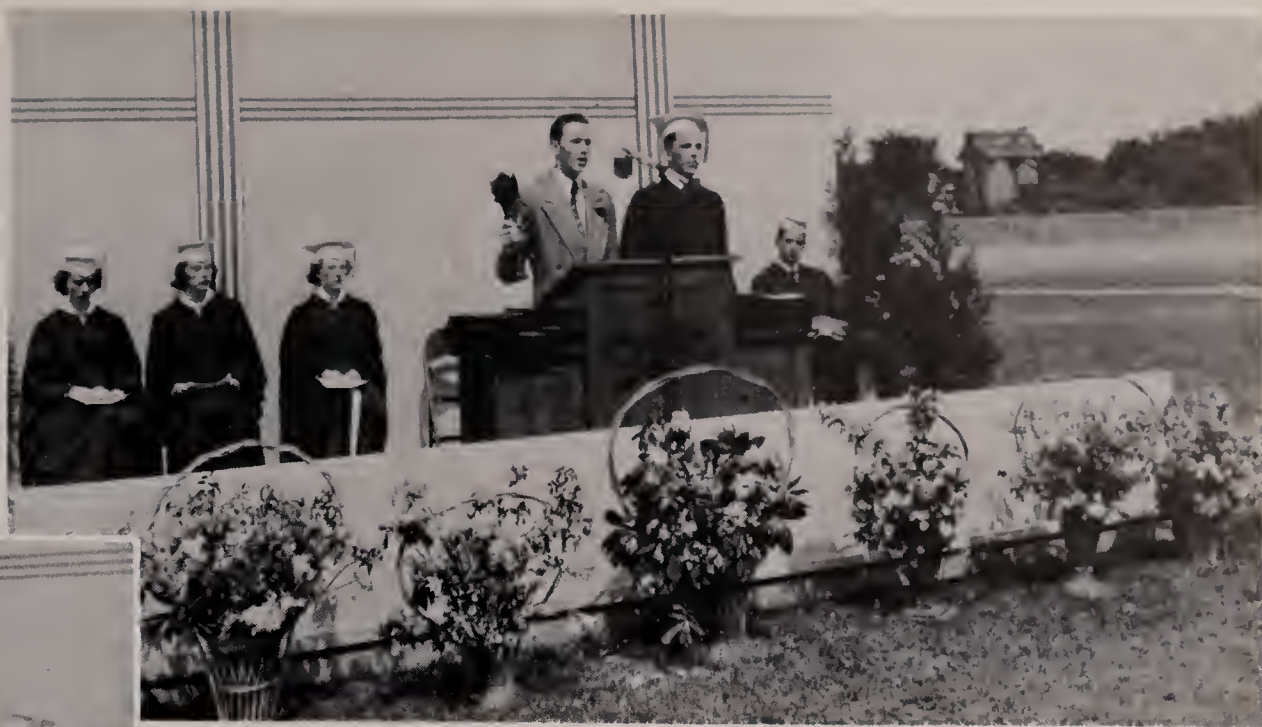
Nancy Glover, valedictorian, says farewell for her class.





# *Exercises*

## '50



For '51, Dick accepts the torch and all it symbolizes.



Mr. Sussmann presents Dick with the Harvard Prize Book.

The goal in sight, Seniors await their diplomas.



Alice Donegan receives a secretarial award.





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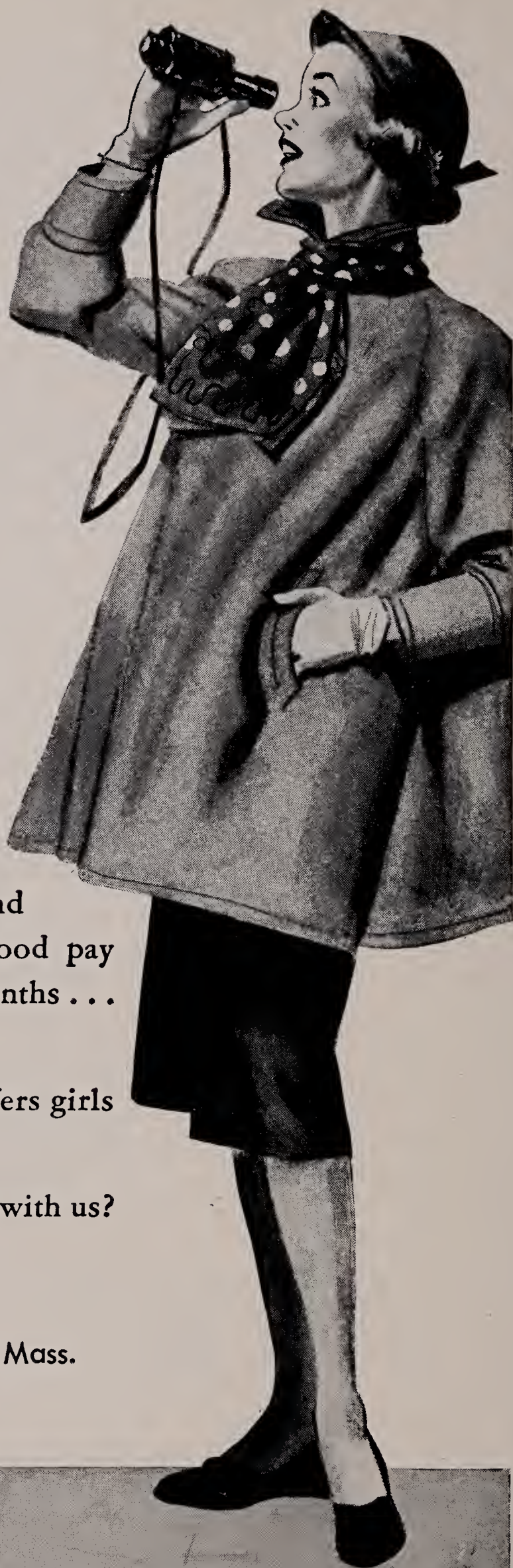
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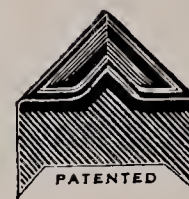
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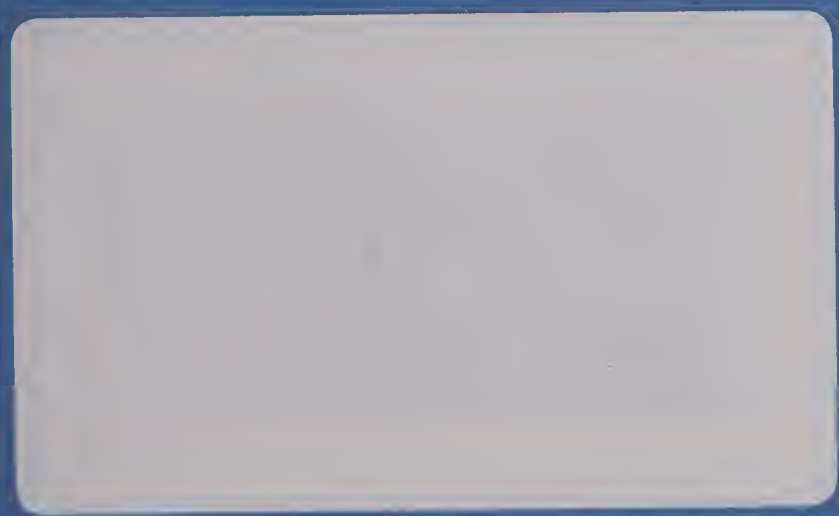














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